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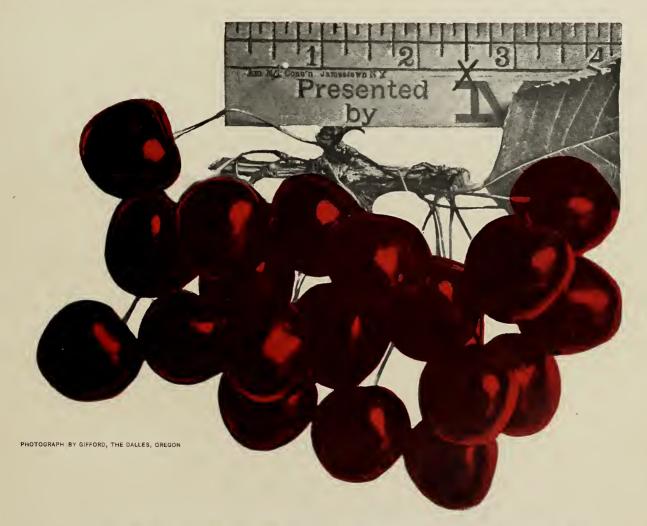
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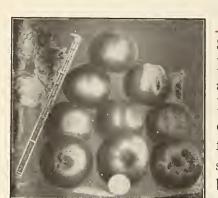
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DESCRIPTION AND CULTIVATION OF THE CHERRY

BY W. S. THORNBER, PULLMAN, WASHINGTON

THE growing of cherries in Washington is one of her horticultural industries which is still in its infancy, and while rapid strides have been made during the past year along all horticultural lines, the cherry industry has received a just share of this growth. Our total acreage is about five thousand acres, and while this looks comparatively small for so large a state, vet careful perusal of these figures show that cherries are one of the most cosmopolitan fruit crops that we are growing. No climate in the state is too cold or too warm, no soil is too poor or too rich, no section too dry or too wet for the production of first-class cherries. Every county and district in the state is individually interested in this crop, and while certain places are possibly a little more adapted to this fruit than others, yet all may have a part in it. There is no section in the United States, nay, not in the world, that is producing cherries like Washington and Oregon, cherries that can be shipped to Mexico, New York, Nome, Alaska, and even London in open express. Are there any markets that we cannot reach with fresh fruit!

Only recently have the possibilities of the cherry as a fresh fruit become apparent, and now while tons and tons of them are still being canned, evaporated or dried, yet many more are being sent to the consumers in the fresh stage. I am firmly convinced that with our improved methods in canning and the present as well as the past prices of dried cherries, that many of us will live to see the time when this will be one of the greatest cherry-producing sections in the world. Those districts which are uncertain for the fancy sweet cherries have wonderful possibilities in the production of sour cherries for drying purposes.

History

The history of the development of the cherry industry of the Northwest, while of short duration presents to us some of the greatest achievements that have ever been made in plant improvement. We look with a great deal of pride at the Royal Ann, a French product, the Black Tartarian, from the Czar's domain, the Governor Wood, from the Buckeye state, and the Deacon, from California, but, best of all, the Bing, Lambert, Hoskins and Black Republican, all products of the horticulture of the Northwest. Great progress has been made, but still there is room for improvement. We want a later cherry with the color and qualities of the Royal Ann and the size, flavor and shipping possibilities of our Bings or Lamberts. The tree of this new cherry must be hardy in wood and bud, able to withstand our severest weather, and an annual sure cropper, and then we will feel that we have reached perfection in

cherries. The work of improving our fruits is a great work, and while it can be done only by a few, yet the origination of a new or better fruit should receive more honor and credit than we are in the habit of bestowing.

Classification

The cultivated cherries of Washington came from two distinct European species, Prunus Avium, the parent of the sweet cherries, and Prunus Cerasus, the parent of the sour cherries. The sweet cherries are characterized by their tall, erect growth, tough, glossy, birch-like bark, flowers and leaves appearing simultaneously, and firm or soft, usually sweet

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fruit. They are neither as hardy or free from insect pests as the sour ones. The sour cherries have low spreading tops, smaller branches, flowers that appear ahead of the leaves, and red, soft, juicy fruit. They are practically free from insect pests and plant diseases in Washington. The trees and fruit buds are hardier than the sweet ones and can be profitably grown in all sections of the state.

Soil

The cherry may be profitably grown on a variety of soils, but it naturally prefers a light, dry, loamy soil, rich in mineral plant foods but poor in nitrogen, retentive of moisture and thoroughly drained. If the soil is too rich in nitrogen the tendency will be toward the production of wood at the expense of fruit production. It is a heavy feeder and too frequently a rank grower. The cherry requires plenty of moisture from early spring until the crop is matured, but very little after that time. More difficulties arise from over-irrigation or cultivation after the crop is harvested than from all other causes together.

The sweet cherries must have the drier soils, and while the sour ones grow on moist or poorly drained soil, yet they do better on the dry or at least well drained soils.

Location

The cherry as a tree is hardy and readily adapts itself to a great variety of exposures, but is very susceptible to injury from frost iust previous to and during blossoming. This may be helped somewhat, however, by selecting northern slopes or locations where the surface is rolling or slightly higher than the surrounding country since this insures good air, drainage and frequently prevents injury from frost or freezes. Religiously avoid low lands, frost pockets on the hillsides and southern exposures where there is danger of injury from spring frosts.

Distances for Planting

The variety, soil, climate, rainfall or irrigation, all combine as factors governing the distance apart that the trees should be planted. The sweet cherries in rich soil, with a reasonable amount of water, whether irrigated or not, require from twenty-eight to thirty feet, while the sour cherries would do very nicely under the same conditions with from eighteen to twenty-five feet. The same general rules of planting, with a purpose of thinning, should be observed in planting a clierry orchard as any other fruit in this section. Several valuable crops may be secured from the fillers before the permanent trees require all the space. In sections adapted to peach culture, peaches may be used to even better advantage than cherries as fillers. Whatever is used, its death warrant should be signed at the time it is planted, in order to be sure it is removed before doing serious iniury to the permanent trees. Cultivation

Whatever may be the treatment of the old cherry orchard, the young cherry orchard must receive nothing but the very best of clean culture, at least for the first six or eight years. The soil or grass mulch theories may be all right for the old orchard, but when it is necessary to produce wood growth framework and leaf surface on young trees nothing can do it like clean culture. True it is, you may crop the young orchards for five or six years, but even during this time nothing but cultivatable crops must be used.

When the trees begin to bear regular crops of fruit the filler crops should be removed and the land tilled for cherries only. I find the following plan of cultivation a very feasible one for Washington conditions: Plow the orchard lightly, or thoroughly disk it early in spring, harrow, pulverize or clod mash until the surface is well worked down fine. After

this, harrow or cultivate every ten days or after every rain until about the first of July. Sow a winter cover crop durof July. Sow a winter cover crop during the last cultivation, harrow the soil down level and consider your cultivation over for the year. If the trees have been making a poor, unsatisfactory growth, the cover crop should be vetch. Canada peas or crimson clover (preferably hairy vetch), but if the growth is good, the cover crop should be fall rye, winter wheat, fall barley or even oats. The fall rye and winter wheat have been the

best thus far, with us.

Since the cherry blossoms early in the spring and usually matures its crop in

annual growths are cut back from twothirds to three-fourths of their entire length, and the tops are thinned whenever it is necessary. This system of pruning gives a low headed, well branched tree with a fruiting plane very close to the ground.

Propagation and Stocks

The buds for propagating a stock of trees should be taken from healthy trees with uniformly heavy bearing tendencies. Just as the successful dairyman is careful in the selection of a head for his herd, and the corn grower in the selection of his seed, so must the cherry

methods. The days of shaking, clawing or pulling the cherries, ripe and green fruit together, from the trees and hauling them to market in wash boilers, tubs, barrels and dishpans, on a wagon without springs, has passed, and now the fruit grower who would secure the highest price for his cherries must pick them by the stems just before they are ripe, taking care not to pull the fruit from the stem, cool them immediately, and carefully pack in specially designed ten-pound boxes. Four to six of these boxes fit in a carton, and we then have the ideal package for shipment, handling, etc. It is no wonder that our fruit sells



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June or July, the wood growth should be checked as early as possible, in order to mature the fruit buds before fall. There is no occasion for permitting a tree to make four to six feet of soft terminal growth after producing a crop of

Whenever bearing trees tend toward wood growth it means that the future fruit crop is being sacrificed, and when this is noticeable in an orchard it should be seeded down for one or two years.

Pruning.

During the first four years of a young cherry tree's existence it should be carefully, systematically and regularly pruned. After that only dead, diseased, broken or cross limbs should be removed. A young eherry tree is as plastic in the hand of a pruner as a bit of clay is in the hands of a modeler. But if the golden opportunity is permitted to pass and it is not properly pruned, the tree will be fit only for the brush heap, since it is practically impos-

pruned, the tree will be itt only for the brush heap, since it is practically impossible to make over a cherry tree.

One-year-old trees should be headed back to from twenty-four to thirty-six inches from the ground. The purpose of this is to establish a low-headed, spreading tree, rather than a high-headed, upright tree. For the next three years the right tree. For the next three years the

grower be in the selection and propagation of his stock. This important phase of fruit growing is too frequently lost sight of in our haste to get acres of fruit planted. However, the thoughtful, careful man will prefer fifty trees from stock that is in the habit of yielding uniformly heavy crops to five hundred trees that are not fruit producers. Most of our irrigated lands are entirely too valuable to plant to shade trees or to fruit trees that do not produce fruit. The system practiced by many nurseries of propa-gating entirely from young growing nursery stock instead of from established bearing trees is entirely wrong. tainly tends toward the production of unfruitful trees. There are practically only two stocks being used at the present time for the propagation of cherries. These are the Mazzard and Mahaleb. While the Mahaleb is more widely used for the sour sorts, the Mazzard is infinitely the best for both the sweet and the sour in our conditions. It forms a stronger union, a better root system and makes a longer lived tree.

Harvesting the Crop

Like all other phases of horticulture from the East, we have had to remodel and make over in order to fit Western for high prices, since every precaution is taken to make it attractive and desir-Cherry Troubles

Very few insects or plant diseases bother the cherry in Washington. None of them very seriously. Those that do can be very readily combated by the proper use of sprays, etc.

The greatest difficulty that the average cherry grower has to contend with is that peculiar condition known as gumosis. Gumosis is neither a disease or an insect, but is a condition of the tree caused by one or more unfavorable conditions under which the tree must grow. The following are some of the conditions that will cause gumosis:

- 1. Poor drainage of the soil or too
- wet soil.
 2. Heavy, rapid growth, followed by severe winter weather.
- 3. Late summer cultivation.
- Injury to roots by deep cultivation, cold, etc.
- 5. Repeated injury from the single
- tree, etc.
 6. A severe attack of aphis, slugs or
- 7. A severe check in its growth.

This condition is always accompanied by the outside bark becoming tough and Continued on page 15

CHERRY CULTURE IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

MR. R. H. WEBER, THE DALLES, OREGON, AT NORTHWEST FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

THE steady growth of commercial orcharding has broadened a field of action in the Pacific Northwest in which many thousands of energetic men are doing successful work, and the men are doing successful work, and the ranks of the fruit grower are being constantly augmented by enterprising and progressive men who are attracted to this Coast by this rapidly developing and profitable industry from all parts of the Eastern states. The quality of our Northwestern fruit has so firmly established it in the homes of Eastern people that unusually upright growth and pyramidal form of tree and by a decidedly sweet

The second class includes the Dukes and Morellos, commonly called Kentish or pie cherries. They are of a decidedly acid flavor and have little or nothing to recommend them to the commercial

cherry grower.

Great care should be exercised in the selection of soil, exposure and drainage for a cherry orchard, as much of the future success of the business depends to mature trees in full bearing only, will be found to be most valuable in preventing gummosis, for it is in the orchards where strong wood growth is encour-aged throughout the summer after picking time, either by cultivation or a naturally moist condition of the soil, that this disease is most prevalent. Young trees, before they come into bearing, may be cultivated much later, encouraging wood growth as much as possible, as they are much less subject to gummosis on account of a more even dis-



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evaporated or preserved.

To the cherry, however, belongs the distinction of being more exclusively a Pacific Coast production than any other of the many varieties of deciduous fruit grown here, which makes cherry growing a most striking feature of the Coast region horticulture. Owing to the limited area suitable to cherry growing an over-production of this luxuriant fruit can hardly be considered even among the possibilities for a good many years to come. At the present time, at least, the demand is greatly in excess of the supply and is increasing much more rapidly than the production, which is the incentive for the rapid extension of the industry.

The varieties of cherries in cultivation consist of two distinct classes of sorts: the first, comprising the Hearts and Bigarreaus, commonly designated as Sweet cherries, is characterized by an

on a proper location. In the coast region, west of the Cascade Mountains, a deep light loam, with a south or southeast exposure has been found to be most desirable, while in the Inland Empire regions, east of the Cascades, they thrive best on sandy or gravelly soil, and there they attain their highest perfection; but they will do quite well in almost any situation except a very wet one or in very heavy clay. A south or southeast exposure should be selected, as it will be found that on this slope the trees mature more perfectly and are less subject to gummosis than on the heavier soils of a north or northwest slope, where the growing season is certain to continue longer on account of the greater retention of moisture, which is quite sure to prove detrimental.

The cultivation and irrigation, if the latter must be resorted to, of a cherry orchard should be so regulated and calculated that the wood growth of the tree will almost cease with the harvesting of the fruit crop, causing the tree to stand practically dormant during the remainder of the season. This system, which refers

tribution of the sap and not being subjected to the shock of being forced to absorb the surplus nourishment which had been consumed by the fruit during the process of its growth and development, prior to ripening and gathering. Cherry growers everywhere should put this system into practice as much as possible during the coming season and report the results of their experiments, which undoubtedly will be found of great benefit, at the meeting of the Northwest Fruit Growers' Association to be held next winter. Cherry culture in general should be given more attention at these meetings, as much good would result and the industry would be greatly benefited by an exchange of opinions and a thorough discussion of the subject. It is quite unfortunate, and to the beginner and prospective cherry grower some-what discouraging, to find so little liter-ature available for his instruction and guidance, and a suggestion from this body to the Department of Horticulture of both the United States and Canada to have experts make scientific investigations pertaining to this rapidly developing industry, for the benefit of those already engaged in the business and those who contemplate to enter the ranks to become cherry growers, should not be amiss.

With the exception of gummosis, which can in a great measure be controlled by judicious cultivation, the cherry is perhaps less subject to the attacks of insect pests and fungus disease than any other variety of fruit, resulting in a cheaper and necessarily more profitable production.

While spraying with bordeaux is recommended to prevent and control gummosis, its application will be found to possess less merit than is generally

ing a young cherry orchard are similar to those employed for other varieties of fruit. Heading back the limbs to give proper shape and balance to the trees should continue for three or four years, or until they come into bearing, when it will be found, if the orchard is properly handled, pruning is rarely needed, but may be resorted to if deemed necessary, without injury to the tree, for it does not induce gummosis, as is often claimed, at least not in Eastern Oregon, where cherry orchards are grown almost exclusively without irrigation.

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In removing the small branches when forming the head, care should be taken to always make the cut just above a bud markets. Next in order as a canning cherry is the Centennial, a new cherry, and a seedling of Royal Ann. It is larger and firmer than its parent, which makes it more desirable for a long distance shipper. It is the first cherry to ripen, suitable for long distance shipping, which adds greatly to its commercial value, and should therefore receive much more recognition from planters than has been the case in the past. For exclusive fresh consumption and long distance shipment Lambert, Bing and Black Republican are in the lead in the order named, and can be shipped to our Atlantic coast cities and under refrigeration to Europe with perfect safety. Evaporated cherries are



GROUP OF BING FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLDS IN FULL BLOOM, FAIRVIEW ORCHARDS, R. H. WEBER, OWNER, THE DALLES, OREGON

supposed, and much more good will be accomplished in this direction by the selection of a proper location and subsequent cultivation. The impression should not obtain from the foregoing that spraying of cherry trees is entirely useless and to be discouraged, for a thorough application annually of the sulphur and lime solution or bordeaux mixture is very beneficial and should be regularly practiced, inasmuch as it destroys the eggs of the brown aphis, which sometimes attacks the tree, besides acting as a general cleanser, giving tone and vigor to the bark of body and limbs.

One-year-old trees, well grown and thrifty, propagated on Mazzard or Mahaleb stock, are to be preferred by the planter. Heads should be formed rather low, to prevent sunscald to its sensitive bark. The methods of growing and train-

at an angle of forty-five degrees with the branch; should the cut be made just back of a bud or midway between buds, the wood is apt to die to the next bud below, and thus have a tendency to interfere with the proper shaping of the tree.

By the introduction within recent years of many new varieties of great merit, the cherry industry has been practically revolutionized, and the season of ripening extended by at least a full month

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The great call for Royal Ann by canneries and Maraschino people has stimulated the planting of this variety, until today it is far in the lead of all other kinds, and with the building of new canning plants in all portions of the Northwest a still greater demand for this sort may be expected and should be anticipated by largely increased plantings. The Royal Ann is also a good shipper, bringing good prices in Eastern

regularly quoted in the markets at high prices, indicating a strong demand for the fruit in this condition.

It is a singular coincidence that all but one of our leading commercial varieties are of local origin; the birthplace of Black Republican, Bing and Lambert being Oregon, while the Centennial comes to us from California.

There are other desirable sorts which have originated on this coast, such as Deacon, Iloskin and Windsor, which, though valuable sorts, have so far received less recognition from commercial orchardists. There is still room, however, for more new varieties of merit, and the early and late season might and probably will be extended by the introduction of sorts that will make it possible to ship cherries from the middle of June to the last of September or the middle of October.

I would like to sav about the gummosis, that in all irrigated districts it is largely caused by too much irrigation. Where the land never gets too much water the trees never have the gummosis at all and still bear a good crop.

Discussion Following Article

Mr. Harvey: Would some one tell us

what that gummosis is?

Chairman: It is a gummy substance, which is black and oozes from the bark of the tree, and will kill the tree eventually. I bought a place on which I planted and on that was a grove of old trees. The cherry tree seemed healthy and not troubled with gummosis and we had a good lot of

bark expand and the bands run round the tree; and in some cases this relieves the tree, where they are or appear to be bark-bound. Our trees in Southern Washington are very subject to this gummosis.

Mr. Johnston: In the paper just read, he said the sour cherries are worthless. But I differ, because canneries, jam factories and such people are all after these cherries. I think they are hard to beat. One great advantage I see in the sour cherry is that they ripen very quickly and have a small stone, which is a great saving.

Mr. Jelly: As an Old Country cherry grower, I have not seen since I have been in this country what I call a cherry tree. By that I mean to say that there

phur. Now I say I can remove the gummosis. I take and cut the bark out from around the hole where the gummosis comes from and I take an oil can and put in kerosene and then wipe with a page and stop with way.

rag and stop with wax.

Now with regard to cultivation; I have nine trees and I have cultivated them for nine years, and they have no gummosis. And I have a brother who has ten or twelve acres of cherry trees and he cultivates them all the year through. I find you need an even temperature and even cultivation, and in semi-arid districts that if you have not water flowing over the ground you won't have good cherries.

ground you won't have good cherries.
Mr. Sharpe: I have probably three
hundred cherry trees. I have not had



AVENUE OF TEN-YEAR-OLD ROYAL ANN CHERRIES, FAIRVIEW ORCHARDS, R. H. WEBER, OWNER

cherries on it. Then I irrigated it and after that gummosis appeared on the tree. And I believe that the over-irrigation will cause this gummosis to appear. Over-cultivation is a result

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Q. This is something new to me; you say it is a bad disease. Are we to assume that gum oozing from a tree is dangerous? My experience with cherry trees is that you cannot go far but what you will

find some gum.

Prof. Thornber: I have come to the conclusion that this gummosis is not a disease, but simply a result of some injury or some unsuitable condition. We have some trees in our own orchard on fully drained land and we have some on water-logged land, and have the same trouble in both cases. Now if you have a tree that is going to die anyway, you may as well experiment. We take all the gummosis from the tree and, in cases of the young trees, slit the bark down from two to three or five slits round the tree, and in doing this you will find the

the cherry trees are large; more than 200 years old. There the growers slit the bark when they are hide-bound. They slit it when the tree is young, and you get a very much better tree; and if this is not done there the tree has a tendency to the gummosis, which I don't consider a disease; it simply oozes on account of the tree not having sufficient freedom,

Q. I would like to have some information about the shipping of these cherries, as with us we find that we lose quite a good many in transportation. We tried in a small way the using of a carton; one-pound packages—eight fill a tenpound box. But for some reason or other our shipments in Montana arrive in bad condition. Our shippers say that they had not sufficient ventilation.

Mr. Mason: I think we will all agree that the gummosis is a disease of the sap. Now let us look at it practically in regard to slitting the bark. I remember hearing a man say at a meeting that he bored a hole in the tree and put in sul-

gummosis enough in my orchard to fill your two hands. I have practiced the splitting. Now I will say that if you have got a sweet cherry tree that is making vigorous growth, you take a knife and cut a thin split in the bark, and if you don't do that you will hear it crack. Now this is caused by undue pressure, and I have done this and I have no gummosis at all. I may say that I find that the cherry tree is one that does well in graft. If you come to my place you will find trees that have been split every year. In the course of years there are some slits that have expanded. It is no disfigurement. I don't say that it is a remedy, but I say of the gummosis I have had in these years, I could hold it in my hands.

The soil is sandy loam underlaid with gravel, and we get about sixty inches of

rainfall.

Mr. Newell: You should slit the tree in the spring before it begins to grow.

Now there is good scientific reason for that action, because the sap begins to start very rapidly and the bark does not give fast enough, and it will tend to go into the wood instead of out on the bark.

Q. This paper tells us that the bordeaux mixture and lime-sulphur spray kills the eggs of the brown aphis, and we were told the eggs of the green aphis were a little difficult to destroy.

Mr. Barelay: While speaking of the gummosis business I would like to say I superintended Mr. F. R. Stewart's orchard at Central Park, and some three pounds to a gallon of water. I have found that also effective in cheeking this gummosis.

Mr. Johnston: One of the speakers said he had never seen a cherry tree in British Columbia. I have erossed the Atlantic twenty times and I have not seen a cherry tree out of Canada that would compare with ours. I have tried would compare with ours. I have tried everything. I have tried the slitting and all the rest of it, and I have a cherry tree which is now fourteen years old and for the past three years has not been cultivated; it has never been slit and it has averaged seventy-two dollars every year.

them were going to Mexico, New York and other places. I know the owner and and other places. I know the owner and I asked him what success he had with shipping them so far. I think he said about sixteen per cent loss with those going to Mexico. At the Buffalo Exhibition we had Lamberts there which measured one and one-half inches in eircumference. It cooks well, and is splendid for eauning. If you want to plant a did for eanning. It you want to plant a succession of cherries, you can plant Bings and Lamberts, so that you can gather your Bings and afterwards your

Mr. Harvey: I may say that I shipped cherries to England and they shipped splendidly; they were the Bing.
Chairman: Yes, it is an English cherry.

The Bing will go round the world. It got its name from a Chinaman who was employed in an orchard.

Prof. Thornber: The Olivette is one of the best sour cherries that we grow. It is juicy, its flesh is not solid, and yet solid for the size. I place it first for sour cherries. It is very much larger than the Morilla.

Mr. Layritz: It is much larger than the Morilla, it has a very fine flavor; it is crisp to eat and there is no cherry crisp to eat and there is no cherry we have that will beat it in regard to shipping qualities; and the tree is entircly free from gummosis. The Olivette we ean grow with good profit.

Prof. Thornber: I would like to say that the Olivette ripens with us in August, but on Thanksgiving day I picked a box of them. I did the same thing with six other varieties

thing with six other varieties.

Mr. Mason: I want to ask this question: Why is it that sour cherries do not gum and sweet do? I have a Kentish eherry.

Prof. Thornber: A few of our sour cherries do gum, but I have never seen any aphis on our sour cherries. It is any aphis on our sour cherries. It is better than the Richmond. The Olivette will compare well with any other.

Mr. Layritz: The Olivette ships better

than any other.

Mr. Hamilton: We have a sour seed-ling eherry on Salt Spring Island of a dark amber color; comes to maturity in September and is marketable in October.

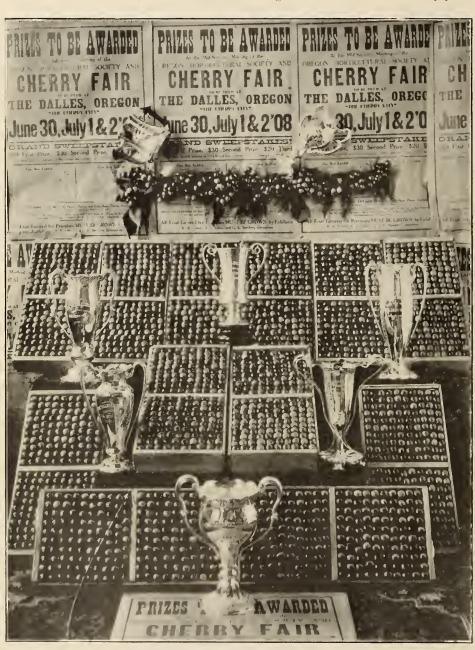
Mr. Scott: I thought this was a won-derful tree, shipping so late. My cherries were ready two months before Mr. Hamilton's, and I am sure it is situation that makes the difference, as my trees came from the same place, but my cherries are ripe first.

Chairman: The Lambert, which I consider the most valuable, was originated by Mr. Lambert of Milwankie. I got this from the gentleman of that name himself. He had a cherry tree on his place, but the top blew off above where it was grafted and this is no doubt how the cherry tree of the name originated.

A Delegate: I would like to know if

there have been any experiments made with a spray made of the No. 1 spray and the bordeaux mixture put together. On the Coast we are subject to this bark disease and we are using the double strength bordeaux. I might say that last spring I tried some experiments, and instead of using salt I boiled my sulphur with the lime and added five nounds of the best Portland cement, and found that that made the spray adhere to the trees. Twenty-five pounds of sulphir, twenty-five pounds of lime and twenty-five pounds of Portland cement. From my observations I found it adhering to the trees better than using the

Chairman: Professor Henderson uses the combination wash and bordeaux mixed in spraying his trees.



FIRST ANNUAL CHERRY FAIR AT THE DALLES, OREGON. A FEW OF THE MAGNIFICENT SILVER CUPS. IN ADDITION \$350 CASH PRIZES, MAKING A TOTAL OF 32 PRIZES

years ago he was talking to Mr. Sharpe and he told him to try the splitting business, and he did at this time of the year and he made the slits too deep. I said to him, I don't think I would do that just now, and he quit it, and went over all the trees in the orehard in the spring, and I found the process very successful, and I also do something like what Mr. Mason was talking about. I scrape out all the gummosis, but instead of taking coal oil I take bluestone at the rate of two I have never seen a tree in England or France to compare with it. In a very arid country I think irrigation would be necessary. Under these conditions I think cultivation should not be adopted. am simply talking from experience of

this one cherry tree.

Chairman: Now some one said the some cherries are worthless. There is a cherry orchard in Hood River that produces about twenty tons of cherries a year. They were the Lamberts; some of

SOME ASHLAND, OREGON, ROYAL ANN CHERRIES

R. T. F. SMITH, of Ashland, Oregon, not only raised this year as fine Royal Ann cherries as were ever put on the market, but obtained the top price for all of his pack. From thirty-six five-year-old Royal Ann cherry trees he obtained two and one-half ten-pound boxes, or twenty-five pounds of cherries to the tree. These were expressed to Los Angeles, California, where they were marketed at \$1.50 per box, or fifteen cents per pound, netting Mr. Smith \$1.10 per box at Ashland, averaging \$2.75 per tree. The following quotation from corre-

been made to Los Angeles, which have brought fifteen cents per pound there."

The conclusion that we are warranted in arriving at is this: If we can raise in Oregon a cherry of such quality, size and flavor that the highest market price is paid for the same in any city of Southern California, we are warranted in planting cherries in Oregon for the California market.

DESCRIPTION AND CULTIVATION OF CHERRIES

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the tree becoming what we term "bark-bound." The bark of a cherry tree is very similar in structure to that of a birch, and instead of cracking longitudinally like an apple or peach it is very tough and splits horizontally, thus preventing rapid

We have a long list of varieties of cherries that do well in our state. And the question is no longer what will grow but which will be best. By a little careful selection of varieties it is possible to cover the season from June 10 to Novem-



A LIMB OF ROYAL ANN CHERRIES GROWN AT ASHLAND, OREGON. ILLUSTRATION BY COURTESY OF HARRY SILVER, ASHLAND

spondence of the Klein Fruit Company tells how the cherries were received at Los Angeles: "Cherries received; stock and pack fine; sold one-fifty box." "We do not think you have overestimated your stock nor your ability to pack them, for they are certainly as fine and as well packed as anything we have ever seen."

We also quote from a published article on Ashland's cherry prospect by Charles H. Pierce of the Ashland cannery: "This is the second year in succession that cherries of the choice varieties have brought extra fancy prices at Ashland, and both years numerous express shipments, particularly of Royal Anns, have

expansion of the inner bark wood. It has been found very helpful to remove this so-called "bark-bound" condition by scraning, washing with strong lye water or by making three or four perpendicular cuts in the bark just through the outer bark for the full length of the stem. These cuts should be made early in June and must not be deep or the cure is worse than the remedy. The gummed patches must be cut away and the affected place washed with bordeaux mixture and afterwards painted with lead paint. Usually after a short time the injured place will heal over and the tree recover.

ber or even December with fresh cherries from the orchard.

The sweet commercial varieties are limited to a few well known sorts, and are readily divided into the soft and the firm. The soft varieties are well represented by the Elton, Governor Wood, Heart, and a few other sorts. These are usually good croppers, mature and ripen early, but are too soft for long shipments. The firm ones are ably represented by the Bing, Lambert, Royal Ann, Black Republican and Hoskins. These are all splendid yielders and good shippers, with possibly the exception of the Royal Ann,

CHERRY GROWING ON THE WESTERN COAST

CHERRY growing on the Pacific Coast has now its particular festal occasion. It is the Oregon Cherry Fair.

The above two sentences are taken from the concluding paragraph of an article on cherry growing which appears in last week's issue of the Pacific Rural Press of San Francisco, and that particular festal occasion is the annual cherry fair at Salem, the next one to be held during the second week of July.

Cherry growing in the western part of Oregon will surely assume large proportions before many years, for the reason that the fruit grows to superior average size in this particular section this coast crossed the plains with a wagonload of little trees set in earth in a wagon-box, watering them as streams were crossed and keeping them alive and growing en route quite as well as they expected to. But when almost at their destination in western Oregon and climbing a steep hill with their outfit, the tailboard of the wagon gave out, and trees and earth slid to the ground in a great mix-up. The trees were put back as well as possible, but it was not possible to get all the trees in exactly the places they occupied before and opposite their names, which had been written upon the side of the wagon-box. Thus

ean. To eat as it grows Royal Ann is not delicious, it is too hard and cold a beauty; but, having been processed in the can and lying afterwards in cut glass in a clear syrup, its pallid beauty is charming and its flavor adequate. Though there are other white cherries which are rivals for canners' favor, none has yet displaced 'Napoleon-Ann.'

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"Favor is, however, rather a fickle thing in cherries, as elsewhere. When the supply of red and black cherries is a little above the fresh eating and shipping demand, the price may fall below cost of picking and packing, because canners can use but few of them. When



Prune Packing House Woolen Mills

SALEM, OREGON

Flouring Mills Fruit Cannery

of the Paeific Coast country, which, as the California paper says, is clearly a great cherry country. Thousands of acres of land have been planted to cherry trees during the past few years, and the principal variety is the Royal Ann. or Napoleon Bigarreau, which is considered to be the queen of commercial cherries of the Pacific Coast. The article referred to as appearing in the California paper is interesting to both the grower and consumer of cherries, and the Statesman believes a portion of it worthy of reprinting here. It follows: "The Royal Ann. She is not a legitimate queen, pomologically speaking, in

"The Royal Ann. She is not a legitimate queen, pomologically speaking, in fact, the name does not appear in the lists of cherry royalties except upon this coast and in newer regions of the earth which have drawn names from our coast. For this cherry, reversing the course of favors among men, fell into royalty and not from it. It was in this way, as the story goes: The pioneer introducers of grafted fruit trees upon

it came about that though the trees grew well and were successfully transplanted from their tourist berths to Oregon soil, their names were lost. One cherry showed peculiar value, but it had been disconnected from its name. Pioneer gallantry concluded that so good a thing must be a lady, and so they called it 'Royal Ann.' After a time, of course, the identity of the variety was determined by comparison with later introductions which had brought their proper names with them, and though for forty years it has been known that Royal Ann is Napoleon Bigarreau, the real Napoleon of cherry finance on this coast is still masking in petticoats as Royal Ann, and probably always will, for she holds the throne on this coast, than which there is no greater sweet cherry territory in the world.

which there is no greater sweet energy territory in the world.

"Royal Ann reigns by virtue of commercial suitability. There are two great lines of cherry suitability: cherries to eat as they grow, and cherries to eat from a cut glass dish filled from a tin

the canners are keen the prices of their favorites may go to twice the current prices of the dark varieties; when the canners are shy, the situation may be exactly reversed and Royal Ann may drop to half the price of the best blacks, for though Royal Ann goes for shipping, it has such a small local eating demand that depression owing to canners' attitude cannot be cured. Last week this condition prevailed; the blacks were fifty per cent ahead of the whites. This may be reversed even before the present season ends, although there is, of course, a chance that the passion for planting Royal Ann during the last few years may have gone too far. This has been the way with cherries for the last thirty years and until the canning demand became great and regular, a decade or so ago, grafting of old trees back and forth, from black to white and white to black, was freely indulged in. Fortunately, the cherry takes very kindly to top grafting."

SALEM, THE CAPITAL OF THE STATE OF OREGON

HIS article is not intended as a review of the attractions of Salem for those who are not familiar with Oregon's capital city, but a suggestion as to its future, based upon certain great fundamental conditions which obtain. It must always be a factor in the growth of this city that it holds certain relations to the Pacific Coast, to the Pacific Northwest, to the state of which it is the capital and to the Wil-

also destined to be the great orchard region of the state.

This is the setting of the capital city, and its future is linked with a great region that is at once a wonderland both in climate and natural resources. It will have its own story to tell of growth and power within what diplomats would call "the sphere of influence," and will share in the prosperity which is coming with almost bewildering rapidity.

Willamette River, in the heart of one of the greatest valleys of the world and in a climate which is full of charm, a city of importance. Not great in numbers, it will draw to itself wealth and culture, will be made beautiful by art and education as it is by nature, and will be exceptional in its character as it is in its environment and its tributary industries.

onment and its tributary industries.

A fuller study of the promises and opportunities of Salem is most interest-



MANY VARIETIES OF FRUIT GROWN AT SALEM, OREGON. CUT SHOWS CHERRIES, PRUNES, STRAWBERRIES, GRAPES, ETC.

lamette Valley. The casual reader will not at first see the force of this because he does not appreciate the elements which are making this Western gem of the continent and which are destined to make it great and populous.

make it great and populous.

1. The Pacific Coast is unique in its climate. It is to the rest of the continent what the Mediterranean shores are to Northern Europe. As compared with the Atlantic seaboard it is the best part of the continent. In climate, in productions, in those resources which make one region a store house for half the world, in the resources which are convertible into wealth, this coast is the best part of the United States.

2. Western Oregon is one of the best portions of our great state and of the Pacific Northwest. It will draw to itself a great population, and the growth will be natural, legitimate, based upon resources and attractions and not "promoted."

3. The Willamette Valley is the best part of Western Oregon. It is the great agricultural heart of the state, as it is Climate will make here an attractive city. Look at the map. See where Salem's parallel of latitude touches New Hampshire. Trace it across Europe and see where it crosses southern France and Italy: then recall that here is not only the climate of the Mediterranean in its mildness, but the causes which produce that climate.

Orchards and gardens, a vast range of production which includes the fruits for which Europe is already reaching across the Atlantic and across the American continent, will make Salem an attractive city. Without the semi-tropical fruits of other regions, it will be set in foliage of as many kinds as Damascus is, and its environment will make it a city of homes.

Salem will have about it the most fascinating of all the home-building industries, the farm, the orchard and the herd. Civilization began with the home and these industries are the bottom ones of society and are abiding.

Now, these are the conditions which are making this city on the banks of the

ing. The climate, the productions of the region, the attractions of the country-side, the low price of lands, the remarkable returns of orchards and of all small fruits and of nuts, are subjects upon which a most fascinating book could be written.

THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Physically, the State of Oregon is divided into three sections—Eastern, Southern and Western. But since this booklet is designed to show the existing conditions, resources and possibilities of the Willamette Valley, one of the richest sections in America, the reader's attention will be directed to Western Oregon, in which the valley is located.

This valley, which cannot be surpassed for healthfulness, beauty of scenery, salubrity of climate and productiveness of soil, lies between the Cascade and Coast ranges of mountains, with an average width of over sixty miles and one hundred and fifty miles in length.

The Willamette River runs northward through the valley and receives the waters of many tributary streams. These streams are fed by the melting snows of the mountain ranges on the east and west, affording an abundant supply of pure, cold water of such sparkling elearness that trout and other fish, which abound in these waters, may be seen at a depth of twelve or fifteen feet below the surface. The greater portion of the valley is sufficiently rolling to afford excellent drainage.

The soil is a rich, dark loam with a subsoil of clay, and all authorities agree that there is not another valley in the

world that can surpass, and few equal, it for general agricultural purposes. In fact, experiment and practical demonstration have proven that almost any kind of fruit, cereal or vegetable known to the temperate zone will thrive and produce to perfection in this valley.

To encourage the settlement of Oregon, Congress in the fifties passed the Donation Land Claim Act, giving to each settler 320 acres, so that a man and his wife could take up 640 acres. These tracts are now being subdivided into smaller farms of from ten acres upward, thus affording the newcomer an opportunity to acquire a farm of nearly any size at reasonable cost.

The climate of the Willamette Valley is most equable

The climate of the Willamette Valley is most equable and pleasant, never reaching the extremes of heat or cold. Snow rarely falls, and lightning and destructive windstorms are practically unknown. The rainfall, which comes late in the fall and during the winter, averages forty-four inches per year, and the temperature ranges on the average from sixty-six degrees in the summer to forty-two in the winter, with a mean yearly average of fifty-two degrees.

THE CHERRY CITY

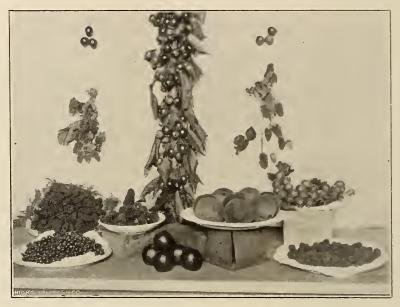
Among the many excellent fruits grown in the vicinity of Salem none are finer than the cherry. That Oregon, and the Willamette Valley in particular, is especially adapted to growing this fruit, is proven by the size, flavor and beauty of our cherries, and also from the fact that most of the largest and best black shipping variand twenty-

the size, flavor and beauty of our cherries, and also from the fact that most of the largest and best black shipping varieties originated here, viz., Lambert, Bing, Hoskin, Black Republican and others, and it is only in the white canning cherries, Napoleon Bigarreau, or what we call the Royal Ann, that any introduced vari-

eties equal those originated in Oregon. While Oregon as a whole is noted for its cherries, the numbers and excellent qualities of those grown in the vicinity of Salem have given it the name of "The Cherry City." The title was bestowed by unanimous vote of the Pacific Coast Nurserymen's Association, which met in Salem during the last eherry fair, and the right of Salem to bear the name stands undisputed by any who have visited us during the cherry season. Mr. Enos

Mr. B. I. Ferguson, another fruit grower, in Polk county, aeross the Willamette River from Salem, gathered and sold from 143 Royal Ann trees this year \$1,400 worth of cherries (14 tons). Mr. Ferguson's trees are fifteen years old. He cleared above all expenses about \$1,000 off one and one-fourth acres.

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Mr. I. W. Delap sold from eleven
Royal Ann trees \$130 worth of cherries.
The Salem Mutual Canning Company
bought from the local fruit growers



DISPLAY AT THE CHERRY FAIR, SALEM OREGON

Presnall harvested from five hundred and twenty-five Royal Ann trees, being five acres in all. 34,000 pounds, selling at five cents per pound, amounting to \$1,700. Mr. Presnall paid for this orchard in the early spring \$1,500, and it cost him about \$350 to harvest this crop.

during the season of 1907 over 400,000 pounds of Royal Ann cherries alone, and other varieties amounting to nearly as much. Another company bought 127,169 pounds of Royal Anns and 50,881 of other varieties.

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Mr. D. A. White sold from one single tree 800 pounds at five cents per pound.

Mr. C. J. Anderson picked from one tree

600 pounds, and from six he sold 3,100 pounds at five cents per pound. Andrew Vercler cleared above all expenses, from two acres of cherries, \$700.

The Annual Cherry Fair

At Salem has become a permanent event among the great gatherings of the Cherry City. In 1906 the Cherry Fair was the occasion of a large convention of fruit growers under the auspices of the State Board of Horticulture. In 1907 the Pacific Coast Nurserymen's Association held its sessions here in order to get the benefit of this most unique fruit exhibition on our coast. In 1908 it is expected to hold in connection with the Cherry Fair a grand floral fiesta, in which the wonderful possibilities of the sweet pea, Salem's floral emblem, will be demonstrated. The attention of cherry producers, buyers and consumers all over the country is attracted, and the magnificent appearance and quality of this luscious fruit proves beyond question that Salem is pre-eminently the Cherry City of the world.

OREGON FRUITS

Prunes

Of the wide variety of deciduous fruits that are grown in the Willamette Valley, the prune is, perhaps, the leader of all from a commercial point of view, and is the source of great income to the grower who gives proper attention to its culture.

There are three principal varieties of this fruit—the Italian, French or Petite, and the Silver. All yield splendid results, but the one which is distinctly an Oregon, and one might say, a Willamette Valley prune, is the Italian, which is produced to greater perfection in size, flavor and quality than in its native clime, "Sunny Italy." The Italian or Oregon prune is a fine large fruit of the plum family, and of delicious flavor,



PEAR PICKERS AT WORK NEAR SALEM, OREGON

weighing when ripe about ten to fourteen prunes to the pound. The usual manner of preserving this fruit is by artificial evaporation. There is no more wholesome fruit canned than these prunes, and great quantities are shipped green from some districts.

Two hundred to two hundred and fifty bushels per acre is considered a fair yield for these prunes from the older orchards, and one hundred and fifty bushels of green fruit will make a ton shipping fruit. The principal shipping varieties, all of which yield abundantly, are the Peach Plum, Bradshaw, Golden Drop, Green Gage, Blue Damson, Washington, etc., and all meet with a hearty welcome in the Eastern markets.

Peaches.

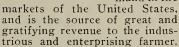
Although as yet the growing of peaches has not been entered into on an extensive scale, there are some large orchards in the vicinity of Salem which yield splendid re-

yield splendid returns to the owners. The trees put forth a thrifty and luxurious growth and produce a quality of fruit which for local consumption, canning and shipping can not be excelled. There is a great and growing demand for valley peaches of all commercial varieties and a ready market for all that can be produced. There is good profit in peach culture and the acreage is being steadily increased.

Pears

While almost every variety of pears will grow to a high state of perfection in this part of the valley, the leading commercial varieties are the Bartlett, Fall Butter and Winter Nellis. The Bartlett tree grows to great size and yields an abundant and certain crop of a quality of fruit

that is in great demand in the



trious and enterprising farmer.
Mr. L. T. Reynolds picked from five acres of Bartlett pears in 1906 forty-five tons, and in 1907 twenty-five tons, which he sold at \$40 per ton.

The Wallace orchard, near Salem, in 1907 raised nine thousand boxes of pears on seventy acres and sold them for \$15,000.

Apples

Next to the prune in point of importance in the fruit industry in the Willamette Valley is the apple. Fifty years ago the red apples of Oregon were famed all over the coast for their beauty, size and flavor, and today Oregon apples are acknowledged as having no superior in the world. They are found in the markets of London, Hamburg, Paris, Hong Kong and every other city where the educated palate of the consumer demands the best that are grown.

All of the standard varieties of choice shipping apples are grown in this valley and are shipped by carloads, boxed, to the Eastern markets, where they meet with an unlimited demand,

selling readily at from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per box of one bushel. The lower grades of the fruit are sold in the local market and command good prices. There are fortunes being made and to be made in apple culture in the Willamette Valley, and Salem is situated in the center of a district that has no superior for apple growing.

In 1906 the Wallace orchard harvested 15,000 boxes from forty-five acres, or an average of 333 boxes to the acre, which sold at fancy prices.

Raspberries.

Although raspberries, both black and red, are grown quite extensively in the valley, and, like other small fruits, the yield of berries of splendid quality is profuse, there never has been a time when the supply was equal to the demand. The prices paid for this wholesome and delicious table delicacy net a satisfactory profit to the producer, and the steady increase in demand for this berry has more than warranted the annual growth in acreage devoted to its culture.

Loganberries and Others.

The same conditions exist regarding blackberries, gooseberries, currants and other small fruits, all of which thrive well and yield satisfactory returns. By no means the least in the category of berries come the Burbank Phenomenal berry and the loganberry, the latest and most valuable products of hybridizing study and experiment that have been realized by Luther Burbank. The former is a cross between the California dewberry and the Cuthbert raspberry, while the latter is a cross between the Aughinbaugh dewberry and a species of the raspberry family resembling the Red Antwerp. The Burbank Phenomenal is grown verv extensively in the Willamette Valley and all experiments have



NOVEMBER ROSES GROWN IN OPEN AIR AT SALEM, OREGON

of the cured product, which is worth from \$80 to \$100, according to grade, depending upon size and quality. Cost of cultivation does not exceed the cost of producing a crop of grain.

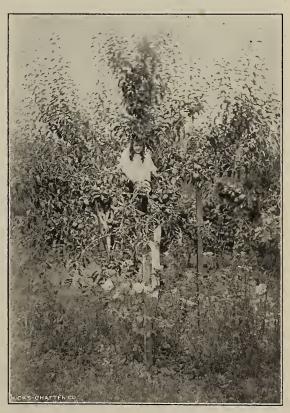
Prune harvest begins about the middle

Prune harvest begins about the middle of September and continues thirty days. It is all done by hand, and gives employment to thousands of families. After being dipped in boiling water, rinsed in cold water and spread upon trays, the fruit goes into dryers of from one hundred to one hundred and fifty bushels capacity, where it is evaporated by artificial heat, requiring from thirty to forty hours per kiln. The cured fruit is then hauled from the dryer to large packing establishments, where it is graded as to size, thoroughly cleansed and sterilized by live steam, after which it is packed in paper lined boxes of different sizes.

The Oregon prune, through careful handling and judicious advertising, has gained a world-wide reputation, and the demand is far in excess of the supply. The valley produces hundreds of carloads of prunes per year, and Salem is in the heart of one of the best prune districts in the world.

Plums.

Almost every known variety of the plum family can be and is grown in the Willamette Valley and attains the height of perfection in every quality requisite to a first-class eating, preserving and



OREGON FRUITS, FLOWERS AND FAIRIES AT SALEM OREGON

THE FRUIT INDUSTRY OF EUGENE, LANE COUNTY

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HE reason that certain fruits do well in certain localities and do not in others is sometimes hard to tell; in fact, it is more often the case that we do not know why than the reason that they do, but it is a fact that nature has made certain places that are adapted to certain varieties of fruit. In these localities or districts nature has prepared it for certain fruits.

Lane County can certainly grow cherries, and nature has certainly placed the conditions here so that they reach perfection. The climate, the soil, the season

never gets a crop. These conditions exist in almost every fruit-growing section and will always exist.

It may be a matter of chance that the oldest cherry tree in the state is located in Eugene, and this will give an idea of how the trees will grow.

The purpose of this article is to take up cherry growing more on a commercial basis than to treet it as a growth in

The purpose of this article is to take up cherry growing more on a commercial basis than to treat it as an exploitation article. We are all more or less familiar with different kinds of trees, all bearing fruit in abundance, that are called dooryard trees, and some of us

to absence of rain in blooming time and in more orchards being cross-pollenated or mixed with other varieties, which is the same. It has been found that the Royal Ann, while largely self-sterile, is made fertile by almost any other cherry that blooms at the same time. So near did most of the cherries come out together in Eugene this year that we know of some Royal Ann trees that were planted among some Late Duke trees, that were fairly well loaded with fruit, but have never before borne fruit in any quantity. It is well in looking for cher-

ries to pollenate the Royal Anns to get some variety that is sure to bloom at the same time in all seasons. The Black Republican generally blooms a little too early, and the Lambert a lit-tle too late. The orchards that are bearing the best in the vicinity of Eugene are the orchards that are mixed with Governor Woods and a cherry we call Waterhouse. This cherry is almost the same as the Royal Ann, but has a little more pointed shape and quite a little longer stem. longer stem than the true Royal Ann, It has always bloomed the same time and is a good grower and fruits at the same time as the Royal Ann, but is probably

not quite so good a cherry for commercial purposes. This cherry is a strong pollenator and is perhaps the best cherry for that purpose which is grown here.

The worst pest that the cherry grower has to contend with is gummosis and San Jose scale. The latter can very easily be controlled with the lime and sulphur spray, but the cure for the other is much more difficult. However, in orchards that are well taken care of and well cultivated in this section we do not have much trouble with gummosis, except where the tree has had some injury. It is almost sure to follow a bad case of infestation with San Jose scale, but is not serious otherwise.

The marketing of the cherry crop in Eugene marks a period of strenuous work for all that are connected with the business. The picking usually lasts a little over two weeks. As most of the cherries are handled at the cannery, it requires a lot of work to take care of them as fast as they are picked. Sometimes over twenty-five tons per day are



SOME LANE COUNTY CHERRIES. EUGENE, OREGON, JUNE 26, 1908

all seem to combine to make a perfect cherry, and while we do not know why, yet there exists something that causes this fruit to reach perfection.

As yet we do not know much about

As yet we do not know much about the scientific knowledge of raising fruit, and most sections that are the farthest advanced are just beginning to realize that to make a success of fruit raising it is not like "Topsy," just growed up, but has to be raised.

It is not a matter of chance that a person can produce ten thousand pounds of Royal Ann cherries from three-quarters of an acre, where three years before the orchard was practically ruined with San Jose scale, as proven by John Thramer of Eugene. It is not a matter of chance when cherry trees that are fifteen years old, and have never borne enough cherries to pay for picking, have in one year been made to bear five hundred pounds of cherries. Neither is it a matter of chance that big crops are taken from the orchard of one fruit grower every year while his neighbor

know that trees planted in the orchard do not act like our dooryard trees. The trees that have borne full of fruit in the yard have not proven profitable bearers in the orchard. This has proven to be the case in many orchards in the neighborhood around Eugene, and it has oftentimes been very discouraging to have an orchard that has been carefully kept in perfect condition, only to find out at the end of seven or eight years that the orchards will not produce fruit in paying quantities. Several of these orchardists who have wanted a fine orchard of Royal Anns were obliged to cut out all the seedling trees in the orchard, and then complained that the frost got their crop the next year, whether there had been much frost or not. Eugene had about as heavy a frost on the night of April 24 this year as we have seen for a good many years, and yet our cherry crop is as large if not larger than ever before. This heavy crop is due, not in all cases but in most cases,

disposed of, packed in cans or put up in barrels for Maraschino trade. The can-nery handled last year two hundred and twenty tons of Royal Ann cherries in about two weeks, and gave employment to about one hundred and twenty-five men and women, paying out over \$1,000 per day for the season.

Strawberries

With the adoption of modern methods in handling the strawberry crop has come increased returns, and the production of strawberries promises to increase with each season. The cuts herein shown will speak louder than words as to what can be done and is being done in the

pack of straw-berries. The berries. The fresh market is increasing each year and the cannery is able to take care of all the berries in event of oversupply in the fresh markets, thus insuring a mar-ket that is profitable in any event, and the production of good berries of the canning varieties is always in de-mand. The varieties raised are mostly Wilson and Clark Seed-ling, while a few other varieties are raised for fresh trade.

Walnuts

The success that has attended the growth of the walnut industry in this part of the valley has placed so much confi-dence in the

business that there is a large acreage being planted to walnuts, and this prombeing planted to walnuts, and this promises to be a very large industry in the future. It has been claimed by a good many people that the walnut will not come into bearing until the trees are quite old, but this is not the case with the grafted trees that are being planted here. On a good many trees, in fact. nearly all the trees that have been set this spring, the nuts are setting this year, and while it is not best to allow these trees to bear any nuts the first year, it shows the tendency of the walyear, it shows the tendency of the wal-nut to bear as young as any other fruit tree, and there is very little doubt that the walnut will product nuts in paying quantities about as soon as the will. There are two good bearing orchards close to Eugene that are proving beyond doubt the future of the industry. These orchards are producing every year a nice crop of nuts that are in great demand on the markets. The bench lands or second bottom lands of the upper valley are almost the same as the hill lands of the lower valley, and almost without exception the walnut is doing fine also on the sandy loam of the river bottom. Where the land is well drained the walnut grows to perfection.

CHERRY GROWING AN IMPORTANT INDUSTRY TO THE FAMOUS DISTRICT OF COVE. OREGON

NOM eight to fourteen years ago about ten thousand Royal Ann, Bing, Black Republican, Oregon and Lambert cherry trees were planted here, the two first named varieties constituting about sixty-five per cent of the total. Prior to the time mentioned Cove had perhaps two hundred Royal Ann and Black Republican trees in full bearing, planted thirty to forty years ago. Of recent years the Republican is not being planted and the Lambert is taking

Having used great pains for many years to put out a fancy pack, we have secured the satisfaction of general appreciation of our efforts in that line, and on an average have obtained very satisfactory results as to prices.

Our ripening season generally begins about July 10 and lasts for thirty days. This year, however, we are nearly a week later than usual.

There have been a good many cherries planted every year, and with a full



LANE COUNTY STRAWBERRIES, "SO BIG THEY KEEP ROLLING OFF," POSED BY A LITTLE EUGENE GIRL (RIKA HARTOG). EUGENE, OREGON. JUNE 24, 1908

a leading place, although the Royal Ann for canning purposes is the most valuable.

This locality has proven exceedingly favored for good crops of cherries, as only four or five partial failures are on record for thirty years, while real bumper crops have been numerous.

Wherever exhibited our cherries have invariably taken the highest awards, and according to the quantity sent our exhibitors have received gold, silver and bronze medals, Stackland Bros. obtaining gold medals both at the St. Louis and Portland expositions.

With the above satisfactory experience as to the quality and crops here, our people realize that the cherry is and should be our leading and strong point in fruit production.

Our annual output is rapidly increasing and this year we figure on between 700,000 and 1,000,000 pounds, for which we will need about 400 pickers and packers. Perhaps half of these cherries will be sent to the canneries and the balance packed for and shipped to the fresh fruit markets, most of them going by express in a local way to nearly every important market in the United States.

crop in ten years from now the yield should reach three to four million pounds.

The leading growers are, in the order named: G. W. Thomas, C. M. and G. G. Stackland, the writer, Hugo Blank, W. Murphy and A. Anderson, representing over half the total. Karl J. Stackland.

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THE following is an estimate made by F. A. Huntley, state horticul-tural commissioner, on the number of cherry trees in the State of Washington for the year 1908:

Tot the Jear at			
Adams	100	Lewis	1,100
Asotin	25,000	Lincoln	2,152
Benton	12,361	Mason	1,400
Chehalis	141	Okanogan	1,199
Chelan	5,000	Pacific	400
Clallam		Pierce	15,950
Clarke		San Juan	2,000
Columbia		Skagit	2,000
Cowlitz		Skamania	350
Douglas		Snohomish	3,000
Ferry		Spokane	8,000
Franklin	500	Stevens	4,747
Garfield		Thurston	8,300
Island	8,000	Wahkiakum	300
Tefferson	9,000	Walla Walla	9,000
King	6.490	Whatcom	1,200
Kitsap	18,381	Whitman	19,125
Kittitas	150	Yakima	29,400
Klickitat	1.853		
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EUGENE, LANE COUNTY, OREGON-TIMELY TIPS

UGENE is 453 fect above sea level. How's that for high? Portland lies 123 miles north of us, and, strange to say, we are twice half that many miles south of Portland. Also just half way between Portland and the California line.

Eugene is the county seat of fertile Lane County, in the sublimely beautiful Willamette Val-

Willamette Valley. Don't call it Will-a-met. Pronounce it wrong and you'll be conand you it be considered a native; thusly: Wil-la-mutt. You accontuate the "la" and swallow the "mutt." Thank you.

Send 10c for a sample copy of Nobody's Magazine.

In 1900 Eugene had 3,236, in 1905 5,000 people. Today somewhere between 9,500 and 10,000. How do we know? The census boss enumerated 2,147 school children. That's how!

Eugene "points with pride" to its military band, famous all over the state. And Eugene's people, Eugeneers, if I may so call them,

have a real soft spot in their hearts for this good-looking, good-playing band. They play equally well in a theatre or in A flat.

Eugene does not have red-hot sum-The only red-hots are what you buy on the street corners after the theatrc is out. The summers are perfect.

One of our prosperous farmers, today the possessor of a splendid ranch and home, bought his place six years ago and went in debt for every cent of it. Today he is out of debt. Made it all out of the soil. No frenzied finance for him. How

they are simply enormous. Also enormously simple. You plant the trees and in a few years you suffer Bankeritis, which means: Swelling of the Bank

Eugene is the coming city between Portland and San Francisco. Only out of modesty and brotherly love, Eugene



SOME LANE COUNTY STRAWBERRIES. EUGENE, OREGON. JUNE 24, 1908 "ALL FOR ME."

would you like to be out of debt by 1914? You would? Then don't wait until 1909.

Lane County is justly famous for its magnificent cherries. While it is a canard that whole families dine off one cherry and then save the remainder for pie, yet

will hold back and not outstrip Portland. With population doubling every five years, what is real estate going to do? Think it over. Then act.

Eugene has a gas plant, electric light and power (we press the button, you do

the rest), and a natural waterpower that "works while you sleep." This progressive city recently voted \$300,000 for a municipal water

Eugene offers factory sites free if you take the water power at fifteen dol-lars per horselars per horse-power per year. You could not beat this any-where; at least not by a dam site. Now, could you?

Eugene has good hotels, where you are ashamed to pay so small a price for so liberal a meal. But we necd at least one more. And a good one, at Eugene that.



"CHERRIES ARE RIPE." POSED BY TWO LITTLE EUGENE GIRLS. EUGENE, OREGON. JUNE 26, 1908

also has the finest club house (for a city of its size, or even of ten times its size) on the Pacific Coast. Also a larger promotion fund (per capita) than any city in the United States. Also a thoroughly systematized promotion department.

Eugene's summers average sixty-five degrees Fahrenheit, and her winters, ah, that's where you revel, her winters are He is indeed a benefactor who makes two bungalows grow where only one grew before.

Lane County is not shy. At least not on standing timber. In fact, it has more than any other country in the United States. Only thirty-four billion feet. If these magnificent trees, many of them three hundred feet tall, were glued end to end, the stick would be long enough

ner's Butte to this day. And the city itself, in memory of that brilliant remark, named itself Eugene. History does not say whether the reservoir now on the butte was there when 'Gene discovered us, but I think not.

Eugene has a cannery which will take all the fruit you can raise. Come and live among us and help satisfy the cannery's craving. We eat all we can and what we can't

what we can't eat we can. (This joke was first cracked by either Lewis or Clark, the explorers.)

Eugene has a morning paper and an evening paper that would be a credit to a much larger city. Also a few weekly papers of "high" standing. Ad why not? Remember our altitude!

Eugene's excelsior factory is said to run night and day. So does the Willamette River.

Eugene has flowers blooming outdoors all winter. Roses especially. Also

snowballs. Not the kind you get back of the ear, but the kind that grow on bushes. One continual Garden of Eden.

Eugene has ten churches, mostly imposing edifices; three public schools, housed in fine buildings, a magnificent new high school, the famous University



LANE COUNTY CHERRIES. POSED BY KOUNE HARTOG. EUGENE, OREGON, JUNE 26, 1908

for the greater part like spring. Her rainfall averages thirty-eight inches. But it does not all fall in one week, like some places I wot of.

Eugene is said to have one hundred and fifty thousand acres of surrounding land in cultivation, and two hundred

thousand not in cultivation. I don't guarantee this. Started to count, but it got dark.

The University of Oregon has six hundred and fiftyone students chrolled. Its rays of enlightenment and refinement penetrate throughout the length and width of the city of Eugene and far beyond.

Eugene cannot build houses fast enough to shelter the influx. Chance to make a neat turn by building some cottages for sale on easy terms.

to reach from Eugene to—heaven knows. Please figure it out and whisper it to me.

What, which or whom is Eugene named after? Why, that's easy. Eugene Skinner discovered the hill at the foot of Willamette street and said: "Ain't that a beaut?" So it was called Skin-



"ALMOST TOO BIG FOR MY MOUTH." POSED BY WINNIE STARBUCK, OF EUGENE, OREGON, JUNE 26, 1908

of Oregon, one divinity school, a Roman Catholic school, a business college, two splendid hospitals, three flourishing banks, a dear of a public library and a one hundred thousand dollar courthouse.

Between Eugene and the Pacific Ocean are countless thousands of acres of fine land, mostly in timber, which offer alluring prospects.

Eugene has beautiful stores, a splendid theatre, progressive business men, hospitality plus. "A good show town," say theatrical

people. And that means: plenty of money in circulation. Come and circulate.

Ten thousand acres of land tributary to Eugene could be made to produce annually \$500 each, or \$5,000,000 in Royal Ann cherries. This would be enough to put one cherry each in 5,000,000,000 Mar-



SOME OF LESTER VAUGHN'S BEAUTIES. EUGENE, OREGON. JUNE 26, 1908

tini cocktails. Here's how! But most of our cherries are shipped East and to Europe

Eugene has many macadamized and some bitulithically paved streets. That terrible word is Eugenese for "asphalt." Has many miles of cement sidewalks and a few that ought to be cemented. Has beautiful shade trees; many of them as verdant as a greenhorn all winter. Fairmount put out one thousand shade trees in February of this year.

Eugene does not have summer heat in winter, and what is more does not want

it. Her winters are mostly balmy.

Eugene's rate East via Portland is the same as that from Portland The railroad carries your freight for nothing as far as Portland Lovely, isn'tit? Joke on the railroad.

Eugene cannot be surpassed as an educational center. Any pater familias looking for mild winters please take notice. Pater also kindly note that we have no saloons.

Land planted in walnuts, apples or cherries will pay from five to ten times the original cost, when they come into



CHERRY TREE ON ELEVENTH STREET, CORNER OAK, EUGENE, OREGON, WITH ABOUT HALF A TON OF CHERRIES ON IT. JUNE 26, 1908



SOME LANE COUNTY STRAWBERRIES (CLARK'S SEEDLING) PAYING ABOUT \$300 AN ACRE. EUGENE, OREGON. JUNE 26, 1908

bearing. Meanwhile, how about putting berries or vegetables between the trees and make your living? No law against that.

Lane County has beautifully located, picturesque, fertile lands at twenty-five dollars an acre that would be considered dirt cheap elsewhere at one hundred

dollars. As population increases these snaps will become things of memory only. Why not get in where the cream isn't all off?

Lane County has two organized mining districts; the Blue River district, producing gold; the Bohemia district, with gold or silver. Then there is the Black Butte district, pro-

ducing quicksilver.

Eugene never was systematically advertised. Like Topsy, she just happened. She grew by leaps and bounds without advertising. But now watch her. You can still get in on the ground floor.

Lane County is only four or five times the size of the State of Rhode Island. Poor Rhodey!

All roads lead to Eugene. Don't fail to stop off. Let's know, so we can have the band out.

Eugene is a shipping center for hops at the that beer is made of. Also in winter quite a center for hops at the Armory.

Lane County is the sportsman's paradise. Deer and bear may be found, if you go hunt for them. That's the bare them. That's the bare truth. Oh deer, oh deer! Also cougars, wild cats, and other household pets. But not in Eugene. Only in the mountains. Also trout and salmon, pheasants, grouse, quail and what not.

For dairying, the vicinity of Eugene is "hors concours," which in plain English means "can't be beat." Improved land in

beautiful surroundings still be had at the price of bare land (without sur-roundings worth looking at) elsewhere. But bargain day does not last forever.

Eugene needs more poultry raisers. Chickens are too high to suit most of us. Here's a chance for easy money. Make believe you are working and let the hens "lay for you." You take the chips, however.

The Southern Pacific Company on March 1, 1908, began the construc-tion of a fine, up-to-date, new

depot. It will be a pleasure to arrive in Eugene.

Send ten cents for a sample copy of Nobody's Magazine.

Eugene has sixteen hundred and nine telephones. Hello, there!

Lane County is "dry," yet needs no irrigation. That is, it has no saloons, but ample rainfall for any modest man.

Eugene's high school has more students enrolled than any other in Oregon outside of Portland. The girls are beautiful. Haven't seen the boys yet.

Eugene has been Santa-Claused by Hon. T. G. Hendricks. One Christmas morn it found a beautiful natural park in its stocking. Thirty-six acres of



CORN IS COMING TO BE A PROFITABLE CROP IN LANE COUNTY, OREGON



EUGENE. LANE COUNTY TIMBER

beautifully timbered, rolling land. 'Gene has been grateful ever since. Coming generations will call him blessed. The park lies on and over the hills in the eastern part of Eugene.

Eugene has over thirty fraternal and secret societies. This is no secret.

Eugene is headquarters for thirty saw mills. "Say nothing, but saw wood," originated in Eugene. See any Encyclopedia of Proverbs for verification of that remark.

Uncle Sam, realizing the rapid growth of Eugene, dug in his jeans and gave this city an appropriation for a new postoffice of \$50,000, and in May appropostoffice of \$50,000, and in May appropriated \$20,000 additional. This was very appropriate. But before the building is commenced, lo and behold, Eugene is petitioning for \$100,000. Its sales of postage stamps increased 23 per cent during February, 1908, as compared with February, 1907. Honest Injun! Its money order business foots up the sum of \$350,425.57, the 57 cents being my remittance to Africa to buy the heathen paiamas. WARNING

When asking for freight rates on your when asking for freight rates on your household goods, tell the agent that you want a rate to Eugene, Oregon; that Eugene is south of Portland, and on the Southern Pacific. Have him look it up and let him wire his head office. You may thereby save disputes caused by may thereby save disputes caused by agents "guessing" at the rate.

APOLOGY

The untimely levity displayed in the preceding; the tendency to be joyful while writing on serious matters, must be charged to the invigorating Oregon be charged to the invigorating Oregon air. At any rate, don't charge it to me. I would fain make a long face and dish up facts in funereal style, as is the wont, but what's the use?

For any further information write me. I am paid to answer questions. So you can't tease me a bit. Come one, come all.

Happily yours,

"EUGENE" HARTOG (nee John H.)

Manager Eugene Commercial Club.

CHERRIES OF SPRINGBROOK, OREGON, DISTRICT

IKE all other branches of horticulture, cherry culture in this part of Oregon has had its high and low tides, perhaps to a greater extent than most other parts of the state. The early plantings were mostly dark varieties, such as Knights Early Black, Black Republican, Willamette Seedling and Major Francis, Black Eagle, Black Tar-

ing, that shipping fresh was abandoned. The grower turned naturally to evaporating and preparing the fruit as a confection. All these proved to be failures and it looked for a time like the cherry would be a failure in the Willamette Valley as a commercial fruit.

The first larger plantings near Springbrook were put out in the nineties. A



CHERRY ORCHARD OF E. H. SKINNER IN BLOOM, 1900. SPRINGBROOK, OREGON

More Black Republicans were planted than all others, hoping to etc. fresh to nearby markets. grower, as well as commission men of Portland, lost on shipments so often, caused by damp weather and bad packgreat mistake was made by planting on south slopes, causing sap to start too early in the spring, inviting sun scald and gummosis. The Bigereau cherry is a difficult tree to grow, and its requirements are now much better understood. Our rolling red hill land and north and west slopes are the best cherry lands. Fruit ripens one to two weeks later than

Like the apple, pear and prune, we have been planting too many varieties.

Markets for fresh fruit to be eaten out of hand is limited. But for canned goods it is generally believed that no part of the

world can produce as large and beautiful Royal Anns as the Willamette Vallley. The prime object of this article is to encourage a general interest in cherry culture and assist the planter in selection of varieties and soils for growing a canning cherry. For a strictly canning cherry that can be grown and packed for the least money is the Elton. It is one of the best of trees, does not grow too upright, easy to gather, a heavy bearer. It requires less sugar in canning and sells for nearly as much money as the Royal Ann. The Elton and Royal Ann at this time stand among the cherries in the same class as the Yellow Newtown and Spitzenbergs do among the apples. Mr. Kincaid, manager of the Springbrook Canning Co., reports cherries bought last year at one hundred tons. Most of the dark cherries went to waste. At least half of the early plantings were dark varieties. We have gone mostly through the experimental stage. Can we not make cherry growing as great an income to the state as any other branch of fruit growing?



CHERRY ORCHARD AND PICKERS OF C. E. HOSKINS, SPRINGBROOK, YAMHILL COUNTY,

THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY A FRUIT COUNTRY

BY H. S. GILE, SALEM, OREGON

THE state of Oregon has many sections peculiarly adapted to special types of agriculture and horticulture; for example, the Rogue River Valley seems to be well adapted for growing to perfection pears, apples, grapes and melons; the Hood River Valley is noted for her apples and strawberries; but it remains for the great Valley of the Willamette to produce almost everything that is produced duce almost everything that is produced

grown to great perfection upon the tablelands and hills of almost any part of the valley. It is not so sure a pro-ducer when planted upon the lower levels, although the product is equally good for the manufacture of the cured product when grown in any part of this great Willamette Valley. In the vicinity of Salem there was at the very beginning of the industry extensive plantings of the so-called "Italian Prune," and it

rich green foliage blends beautifully with the terra cotta red of the soil, and in the late summer, with the rich purple of the fruit, presents a picture of rare beauty. About the last week in Septem-ber, the fruit, being fully ripened, begins to drop from the trees to the clean, soft soil bed beneath. It is gathered by men, women and children, who combine business with pleasure and are usually found camped in large numbers close by the big orchard sections. Oregon

big orchard sections. Oregon prunes are all cured by hot air process in evaporating plants constructed for that purpose. A twenty-five-acre tract requires a twenty-five-acre tract requires a building and equipment representing a cost, according to the ideas of the builder, ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,500, in order that he may care conveniently for the output of his acreage. The accompanying illustration "A" shows a part of the 125 acres of prune trees located on the 177-acre fruit ranch of H. S. Gile & Company, in Yamhill County, near Newberg. This orchard requires five large drysted in the three buildings shown

ers, located in the three buildings shown in the illustration, to care for a normal crop of fruit. In 1907 this orchard pro-duced what was considered a normal or medium crop, the output being 175 tons of cured prunes of the largest and best quality. Oregon prunes, because of the method of curing, are delivered to the packer much cleaner than they could possibly be if dried in the sun. They are entirely free from sand or grit, being thoroughly washed in boiling water before being placed in the drying cham-The present method of preparing bers. this fruit for the market by all modern packers is nothing more than a thorough



LIMB OF ROYAL ANNS, HAZELWOOD DISTRICT, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

in any other part of the state in the line

of either horticulture or agriculture.
In the early days the Willamette Valley was devoted almost exclusively to grain growing and stock raising, and, grain growing and stock raising, and, while grain, stock and modern dairying makes up today a very large item in the profitable industries of the Valley, the Willamette also possesses certain well defined districts which are peculiarly adapted to special types of horticulture. In all the wide world there is no district so large where the prune can be grown so successfully, and especially is this true concerning the type of prune now known as the "Oregon Prune." For the purpose of evaporation this fruit

is, therefore, not strange that Salem is the recognized center of the prune packing industry of the state, and is by far the largest shipping point of the finished product.

A visit to almost any of the prune orchards in this district during the summer or early fall months is well worth the time of the visitor. The system of the time of the visitor. The system of summer cultivation keeps the soil entirely loose and free from any growth of weeds, and being smoothed down with an implement for that purpose, in order that the moisture may be retained by what is called a "dust blanket," it presents a surface as pretty as a garden spot and as even as a bed of ashes. The



MARION COUNTY EXHIBIT AT THE STATE FAIR AT SALEM, OREGON, 1907

process of sterilization by the use of dry steam, after which the fruit is packed hot into paper lined boxes, cartons or packages (the use of cotton bags is almost a thing of history). The Oregon prune, as prepared for market today, is one of the cleanest, most sanitary and most healthful of all the cured fruit class. It has made greater progress in this respect than any other variety of dried fruit, because there has been greater room for improvement.

There remains one evil, due to the demand of the American consumer who "buys with his eyes," which might be eliminated to the very great advantage of the consumer and to the great joy of the packer. This is the system of facing, or flattening out the prunes which are used in the tops of all fancy packed boxes. This fruit is injured by

the squeezing or fingering process by which the prunes are flattened out for facing rows and are never so good when cooked because of the broken tissue. For this reason, if the consumer could but know it, the packing of prunes in cartons or small boxes for family trade without facing would be a very great improvement over the present method of buying in bulk, served out of a bin or box.

The Willamette Valley Prune Association of Salem, H. S. Gile, secretary and manager, and H. S. Gile & Co., with their own packing houses located at Roseburg and Newberg and a leased plant at Dundee, are the pioneers in advanced methods of packing and marketing and stand today at the top as packers of high grade Oregon prunes, both in this country and in the foreign markets.



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A GROWER'S OPINION OF CHERRIES IN OREGON

WRITTEN BY H. M. WILLIAMSON, EDITOR OF THE OREGON AGRICULTURIST, BEFORE THE DEATH OF MR. SKINNER

HE editor of this paper knows of no more pleasant way of spending a midsummer day's vacation than in visiting a man who nearly half a century ago learned the nursery business in the heart of the great fruit growing district in western New York and has ever since been engaged in the nursery or fruit growing business, much of the time on a large scale, and has enjoyed the personal acquaintance and friendship of many of the most distinguished horticulturists of the present and the last generations.

Mr. E. H. Skinner, after learning the nursery business in his native state, New York, moved west and established himself in the nursery and fruit growing business near Chicago in 1854. He almost immediately planted an apple

orchard of forty acres, but soon became especially interested in cherries and planted an eighty-acre cherry orchard. This would be a pretty large cherry orchard even in these days of great orchard enterprises, and forty years ago it attracted a great deal of attention. Mr. Charles Downing, the well known horticultural authority, who was a personal friend of Mr. Skinner, wrote to him that he undoubtedly had the largest cherry orchard in the United States.

cherry orchard in the United States.

Of this orchard thirty-seven acres were planted with the Early Richmond. The climatic conditions proved most favorable to this variety, and in a few years the enormous crop produced could not be profitably marketed fresh. Mr. Skinner at once started a cannery. He soon found that he could sell pitted



FIVE-YEAR BING, FAIRVIEW ORCHARDS, R. H. WEBER, OWNER

canned cherries for fifty per cent more canned cherries for fifty per cent more than could be obtained for those which were not pitted. There was, however, no cherry-pitting machine in existence, except that little hand pitter which took out the pits one at a time. Mr. Skinner was not discouraged by this fact and invented and perfected a power pitting machine which at every stroke of the plunger took the pits out of 144 cherries

machine which at every stroke of the plunger took the pits out of 144 cherries and handled a bushel of Early Richmond cherries every minute.

In 1873 Mr. Skinner regarded the outlook as pretty bright in spite of the panic. His pitting machine had proved a great success and the output of his cannery was ordered in advance. His thirty-seven acre orchard of Early Richmond.

The house is situated a few hundred feet above the level Chehalem Valley, and down the slope and into the valley for down the slope and into the valley for the distance of perhaps a mile there is almost a solid block of orchards, including those of Mr. C. E. Hoskins. The Chehalem Valley itself is dotted over with orchards, whose rich green is well set off by the yellow fields of ripening grain. Out beyond stretches the great Willamette Valley, the line of vision being bounded by the mountains which shut in the head of the valley a hundred miles or more away.

miles or more away.

Mr. Skinner's interest having always been largely centered in cherrics, when he planted his Oregon orchard cherry trees naturally took the leading place.



CRATE USED FOR HOLDING CHERRY BOXES. PREVENTS BRUISING

mond cherries was loaded, as was also a forty-acre orchard of Ben Davis apples. Just as the cherries began to ripen there Just as the cherries began to ripen there came a hail storm such as those who have always lived on the Pacific Coast can hardly conceive of. Not only was his crop of fruit and of vegetables grown for canning utterly destroyed, but of his fruit trees there remained only bare and unsightly stumps and limbs. From these a fresh and sappy growth developed, but in the spring of 1874 nothing was left but dead trees.

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In building and equipping his large cannery Mr. Skinner had incurred heavy liabilities, and he now found himself face to face with interest charges which were larger than the gross sales of an ordinary farm and with a dead plant on hand in the midst of a period of financial depression. He was not ready to surrender, and at once commenced planting strawherries and raspherries on so large strawberries and raspberries on so large a scale that his neighbors predicted more disaster, but in this case good fortune joined hands with skill and enterprise, and his venture paid handsomely. Finally eight years ago Mr. Skinner had succeeded in paying off all indebtedness and had in addition a competency remaining. Attracted by Oregon's delightful climate and its adaptability to fruit growing, he came to this state and purchased a tract of land on the south slope of Chehalem Mountain, close by Springbrook station and but a few miles from the pleasant village of Newberg. On this tract of land he has established a most comfortable home, which no one a scale that his neighbors predicted more a most comfortable home, which no one visits once without desiring to go again.

When the fruit began to ripen he found himself compelled to face the problem which has confronted many other Orewhich has confronted many other Oregon growers—how to get a sure and profitable return. Uncertainty as to the result of Eastern shipments and the difficulty of getting our Royal Ann cherries to Eastern markets in perfect condition, convinced him that it is not a safe proposition to grow cherries here to ship East fresh. As he had erected an evaporator to dry his prunes he evaporated a portion of his crop of cherries. The presence of the pits in the ries. The presence of the pits in the cherries was found to be objected to in cherries was found to be objected to in the markets to such an extent that there was not very much of a margin of profit to be found in evaporating cherries whole. On the other hand, he was assured that pitted cherries would sell for at least five cents per pound more than the unpitted. He once more com-menced work on the manufacture of a pitting machine. His Illinois experience was, of course, very helpful, but the machine made for use in Oregon had to be different in all details from the one made in Illinois. The Illinois machine was intended to handle cherries only half as large as those grown in Oregon. was intended to handle cherries only half as large as those grown in Oregon. After devoting a large share of his time for nearly two years to the task, Mr. Skinner has perfected a machine which excites the admiration of every person who sees it work. One man turns the crank with one hand and with the other regulates the feeding of the cherries, and the machine does the rest. Turned at a speed of from fifty to sixty revoluat a speed of from fifty to sixty revolutions a minute, the machine at each revoA REPUTATION TO SUSTAIN

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lution pits twenty cherries, or from one thousand to twelve hundred cherries per minute. When asked how many tons of cherries it would pit in a day, Mr. Skinner said two tons, but as a matter of fact it can be made to do nearly twice that much in ten hours. On a hot afternoon Mr. Skinner, who is seventy years of age and not a strong man physically, in the presence of the writer pitted 327 pounds of Royal Ann cherries in twenty-five minutes. The last fifty pound box in the lot went through in just three minutes. Mr. Skinner worked at a moderate rate of speed and did not appear erate rate of speed and did not appear to be at all worried by the work.

The machine, as stated, pits twenty cherries at each plunge. There is an

weight of the whole fresh fruit. This indicates that the pitted cured fruit will weigh only about four per cent less than the unpitted fruit. The pits lose more weight proportionally in drying than the flesh, but the undried pit of a fresh Royal Ann cherry was found by Professor Shaw of the Oregon Experiment Station to weigh less than six per cent of the weight of the whole cherry.

Mr. Skinner's experience last year convinced him of two things, first, that that there is money in curing pitted cherries for the market. As a result he protected his machine by patent, and advised his sons-in-law to increase the size of their cherry orchards, which they



CRATE USED FOR HOLDING CHERRY BOXES. PARTIALLY FILLED BEFORE SIDE IS NAILED ON

endless belt made up of sections, each of which contains twenty bowls to receive the cherries. The cherries are fed by the operator from a slanting hopper onto this endless belt, which rises slightly from the point where the cherries strike it toward the plunger. operator, in a rough way, spreads the operator, in a rough way, spreads the cherries over the belt and a revolving brush does the rest of the spreading and brushes back all cherries not lodged in bowls. At the point where the fruit reaches the plunger the section is first temporarily locked in place exactly and then the plunger pushes the pits out of then the plunger pushes the pits out of the fruit and through holes in the bottom of the bowls. A scraper at once removes the pits and drops them in a tub below, while the belt carries the cherries to the end of the machine. Just where the belt turns to go below, a mechanism gives each section as it comes along a vigorous jolt which throws the cherries out into a box. A careful observation for some time showed that only one bowl out of sixty failed to carry through a cherry. The work of pitting is done perfectly and the amount of flesh which goes with the pits is almost incredibly small.

Mr. Skinner first operated his machine last year, and with very interesting results. He pitted 13,600 pounds of Royal Ann cherries and the product was 3,503 pounds of evaporated pitted fruit, which shows that not quite four pounds of fresh fruit was required for one of the cured. To find out how much was lost in the pits he dried the pits of a given lot of Royal Ann cherries and the dried pits weighed less than one per cent of the

have done and now have twenty-five acres in that fruit.

The Royal Ann is believed to be the variety which will prove most profitable for this purpose, but the Black Republican gives a larger proportionate yield—not more than three pounds, and sometimes less, of fresh fruit being required to make one of cured. The Major Francis makes a cured product of the very highest quality, but it requires seven pounds of fresh to make one of cured. This year Mr. Skinner pitted all of his Major Francis cherries and canned them in quart Mason fruit jars. When canned they are very much superior to either the Kentish or the Royal Ann, and Mr. Skinner does not anticipate any difference of the control of the Royal Control of the Roy Mr. Skinner does not anticipate any difficulty in selling them at a paying price. As an adjunct to fruit canneries this machine will be no less valuable than to those who are about to engage in the business of evaporating cherries.

While the price of the pitter, \$100, may seem a good deal to pay for a machine to pit cherries, it is not a question of price so much as whether it will pay more than its cost to those who

have use for it.

If, for example, the machine is run for five days in a season on Royal Ann cherries at the easy rate of two tons per day, the cured product will be five thousand pounds, which will sell for \$200 more than the product of the same fruit dried without pitting.

Mr. Skinner, when told this year that he could get five cents per pound for his cherries in Portland, replied that it would pay him better to cure them at home. From several sources to which he sent samples of last year's product he received offers for carload lots at rates which would make his fresh cherries worth three cents a pound.

In the same neighborhood, Mr. Skinner's son-in-law, Mr. Porter Skinner, has established a plant for crystallizing fruit on a large scale by Mrs. Monteith's pro-

cess. As this is a secret process the working of the factory is not open to cess.

Mr. E. H. Skinner has himself a process of treating cherries in curing which, while it does not crystallize them, produces a very handsome confection which retains the flavor of the fruit.

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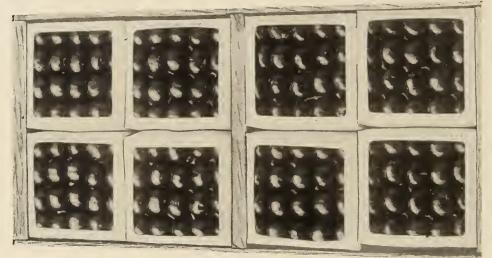
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given highly satisfactory results, but the loganberry has proven its worth far beyond the expectations of the origin-

beyond the expectations of the originator and bids fair to become one of the leading products of the valley and a wonderful money maker to growers. As these berries are probably new to many to whom this pamphlet will go, we will give a short description of the mode of cultivation. The plants are set

cluster is formed which matures from single hill of these berries on good soil, properly tilled, to ripen berries enough to fill a crate of twenty-four one-pound boxes. Strawberries.

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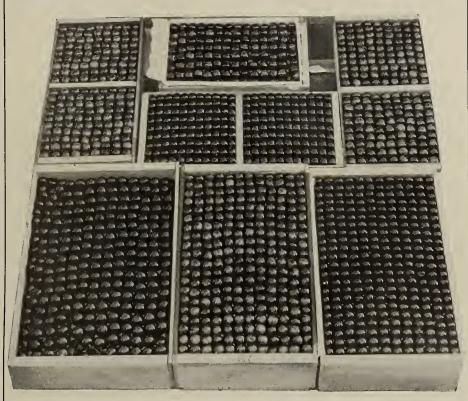
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ries were selling at; so I decided to pit a portion of my next year's crop. Now the trouble begins. I tried every hand machine in the market, with poor and expensive results. I then built a machine that would pit fifty cherries at each stroke. I worked all winter on this machine and after trial threw it into the junk pile, as it did not take every



FANCY PACK OF CHERRIES IN EIGHT, TEN AND THIRTY-POUND BOXES

of them at any price. I then "rigged up" and canned all we could handle with the pits in, which required a large number of cans, also a number of cases to pack them in, with heavy freight charges, and they then sold for about one-half the price that pitted cher-

I tried once more and worked seed out. in a machine shop the next winter and made a machine similar to the tread power of the old threshing machine. The bars in the chain were twenty-four inches long and contained only one row of holes. This worked very well, but

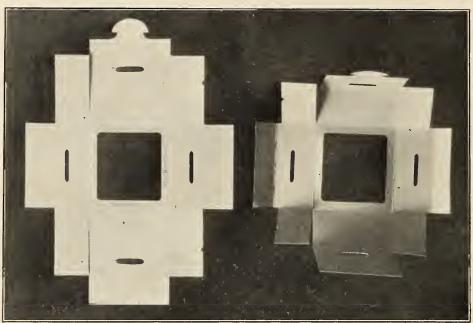


LOADING A CAR OF PRUNES, SALEM, OREGON

much too slow for my crop, so next winter found me again in the machine shop making a large geared machine with bars three feet long and four and one-half inches wide, containing one hundred and forty-four holes, with a revolving brush under the plungers to brush off the pits as they were pressed through, also another revolving brush on surface of machine to spread the cherries so none would go over that were not in the holes which passed under the plungers. This ran by steam and was a success. As simple as running corn through a corn sheller. Now I was ready to pack all my cherries pitted. I set my canmakers at work and made 50,000 cans for my next crop. Bought fifty barrels granulated sugar and had

enough. We pitted, spread and put in the dryer 2,450 pounds in three-fourths of a day with one girl to turn erank, one to spread cherries in machine, and two hands spreading on trays and putting in dryer. I now send you sample to see if you can find any scar to show that they were ever punctured. I pitted one ton of Major Francis and found it took seven pounds green to make one pound dried and ten gallons of juice came from this ton of Major Francis. To my surprise four pounds of Royal Anns made one pound dried, and from seven tons we did not save one gallon of juice.

Cost of picking at fifty cents per hundred pounds makes the four pounds required for one pound dried two cents.



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everything ready to commence, when lo, there came one of the worst hail storms that ever passed over any country, destroying my entire crop of cherries, also forty acres of Ben Davis apples. The loss of the crop was hard to bear, but a much heavier loss was soon to follow. The trees were stripped of foliage and all new growth as bare as hop poles. Being in July a new growth came out like a bloom all along the limbs, which did not ripen, and the next winter was a severe one and killed every tree of apple and cherry. Then the panic of '73 came and found me owing the Second National Bank \$12,400, which took me fourteen long years to pay, which I did, every dollar of it. I will not tell how this was done, as it is aside from my subject.

from my subject.

Well, the large pitter was sent to the Golden Gate Packing Co., of San Jose, California, and would not pit the large cherries, as they would roll off, the holes being too small. I now come to the facts that are wanted at this time here. Last year I dried five hundred pounds of Royal Anns with seeds in. They were fine, but would not sell at a paying price, six cents per pound being all I could get for them. I now made a small machine, similar to the large one, to turn by hand, pitting twenty cherries at each turn of the crank. To my surprise we pitted my entire crop of eight tons, and would have done much more if I could have dried them fast

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in such fine shape as to realize more in Chicago and New York.

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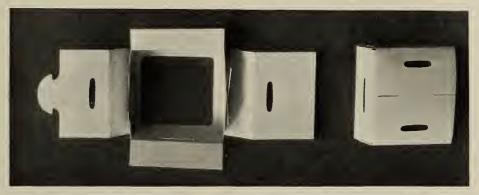
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A WORD TO THE BEGINNER IN FRUIT GROWING

N view of the fact that the fruit growing industry is advancing so rapidly in not only this particularly favored section, the Willamette Valley in Oregon, but in all sections on the Pacific Coast where the climatic conditions and nature of the soil are favorable. able to the promotion of horticulture, it seems but fitting that one of the most vitally important features connected therewith should be brought to the foremost place, in order that those who contemplate engaging in this industry may start right, which will prove in the end to have been a wise move on their part. The feature which we desire to impress upon the minds of the begin-ners, is that of selecting the right kind of fruit trees, the varieties which have

in order that his trees may be absolutely true to name and in a healthy and flourishing condition when planted. Willamette Valley is peculiarly adapted to the propagation of nursery stock, and home grown stock of pure strain with a guarantee behind it is what the fruit grower should be particular to procure. A right start means a right ending, and while it may not be realized by the beginner that much importance attaches to the stock selected, experience alone has proven that this feature must not be overlooked in order that the highest degree of success may be realized from the development of a fruit orchard. We might add that is closical before the succession of the succession o might add that in placing before those contemplating the starting of such an industry, we have to offer stock which



THE PAPER CARTON USED FOR FANCY PACK OF CHERRIES NEARLY FOLDED READY FOR PACKING, AND FOLDED AFTER BEING PACKED

proven to have the highest commercial value and the quality of the young stock with which to start an orchard. section offers to the new comer opportunities in the fruit raising line which with the pleasure resulting from the conduct of such an industry, at the same time has the advantage of much larger and more certain returns from the time and money expended and the land devoted thereto than the raising of cereals, and the constant increase in value als, and the constant increase in value of the orchard with the growth of the trees, which is not the case with land upon which crops are eraised and removed from the land each year. It may be truly said that the Willamette Valley is the home of the cherry, for here this class of fruit reaches a greater degree of perfection than any other section, and now that the demand is becomtion, and now that the definand is becoming greater from year to vear, the opportunity to realize a splendid revenue from the raising of this fruit is before anyone who may see fit to grasp it. It may be said also, that not alone has the cherry demonstrated its worth as a fruit of large commercial value in this section, but the apple. pear. plum, prune, peach, and all small fruits reach a state of perfection unexcelled in any part of the United States, and, in fact, equalled in very few other sections. There are very few other sections. There are many hundreds of acres of land in this section admirably adapted to the growing of all kinds of fruit, which are available at very reasonable prices, and it remains for the man who is weary of trying from year to year to reap a live-lihood from the grain farm in the Middle West, with its attendant drawbacks, to locate here and start an orchard, which will, in a very few years, prove to him to have been a wise investment. As above stated, he should start right, and in the very beginning procure young nursery stock of unquestioned quality,

is absolutely unexcelled in each and every particular. We take pride in every particular. We take pride in referring to those who in the past have drawn on us for nursery stock, and have the pleasure of knowing that in each and the pleasure of knowing that in each and every instance the results to our customers have been highly gratifying. When nursery stock is sold by us it goes with a guarantee of its quality as to generation and strain, and home grown stock, produced under the supervision of a thorough, practical nurseryman of many years' experience, is used to fill our many orders received. We anticipate a phenomenal growth in the fruit raising industry in this section, also in surrounding sections, for when also in surrounding sections, for when it is realized that there is a demand for good fruit in all sections, and the conditions in only a limited section are adapted to the production of fruit of superior quality, and in a large portion of the country fruit growing is an impossibility, it will be seen that the supply will never equal the demand. There is no such thing as an over-production of fruit, as there is in the case of cereals and other crops, with a con-sequent lowering of prices, and with the advent into this Pacific Coast section of several transcontinental lines having the best of facilities for rapid transporta-tion of fruit, the fruit grower need have tion of fruit, the fruit grower need have no fear of his crop going to waste for lack of demand, for the Eastern markets are always open to our Pacific Coast-grown product. We might add, in conclusion, that we are at the service of the fruit grower with an excellent and complete stock, and that it is our aim to do our part in promoting this splendid industry by supplying the proper means with which to begin—the only course which will be attended with only course which will be attended with

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ALEM is practically the center of the prune packing industry in Oregon, as is evidenced by the fact that the two largest packing concerns in the Northwest maintain their headquarters here, both operating large packing plants in Salem. Marion County produces on an average more prunes than any other county in the state. The following table will show the production

counties fast season;	Pounds
Marion	7,405,597
Douglas	5,830,671
Linn	4,511,960
Yamhill	3,375,699
Multnomah	1,495,403
Lane	1,276,278
Jackson	540,906
Washington	515,388
Clackamas	407,860
Polk	387,332
Benton	364,887
Union	53,125
Total	26,165,106

Not only the entire crop of Marion County, but a large portion of the crops of Linn, Yamhill, Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Polk and Benton Counties are shipped into Salem to be graded and packed. During the past season over one-third of the prunes shipped out of the state went forward from here, while over half of the crop of the entire state was marketed by the Salem concerns through their houses here and in other sections of the state. The following table shows where plants are located and amount shipped from each point: Not only the entire crop of Marion

in each point:	Pounds
Salem	9,031,613
Albany	5,767,813
Roseburg	4,271,249
Portland	2,716,145
Newberg	1.663,609
Myrtle Creek	1,094,162
Eugene	1,078,430
Dundee	542,085
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Total	26,165,106

The firm of Tillson & Company, operating large packing plants at Salem and Roseburg, shipped from their Salem Roseburg, shipped from their Salem house during the past season. 135 carloads of 40,000 pounds each, making 5,400,000 pounds, while their Roseburg house shipped 56 carloads or 2,240,000 pounds, making a total of 7,540,000 pounds of prunes, in short, this one concern graded, packed and shipped almost one-third of Oregon's prune crop of 1907, distributing to growers over \$350,000 distributing to growers over \$350,000.

Up to within the last few years most of the prunes raised in Oregon were shipped East in bags, as there were at shipped East in bags, as there were at that time no packing houses in opera-tion. This method of handling them was unsatisfactory, both to the grower here and the wholesaler in the East, and in recent years practically the entire crop of the state has been handled by the packers, and it is the aim of packers like Messrs. Tillson & Company to put goods up in a careful clean pany to put goods up in a careful, clean and attractive manner, using every endeavor to make the Oregon prune popular not only in the Eastern markets but also in Europe.

The general method pursued by Tillson & Company in putting up prunes for the Eastern and European markets, is to run the dried prunes which the grower delivers at the packing house, over a large grader, which segregates the prunes according to the size, which is determined by the number of prunes required to make a pound. The Oregon Italian prunes grade mostly to three sizes, namely, thirty to forty, forty to fifty, and fifty to sixty prunes to the

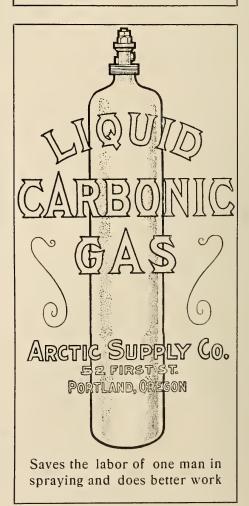
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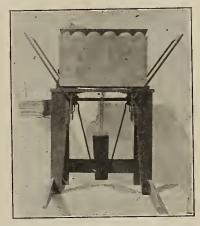
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W^E take great pleasure in produc-ing the August number of "Better Fruit" as a special cherry edition. The cherry is the first of all the favorite stone fruits to ripen, and for this reason, perhaps, no other fruit is more welcome on the market. And, in addition to this, the cherry is destined to take a promi-

the cherry is destined to take a prominent position in the fruit industry of the Northwest, a position that as yet is realized by few if any of our fruitgrowers.

Sweet cherries are grown more successfully in the Northwest than in any other section of America. California produces a good cherry, but not the equal of the cherries of the Northwest. A sweet cherry cannot be produced to any extent east of the Rocky Mountains. Last year California shipped but seventy-Last year California shipped but seventyeight carloads of cherries to the East. This quantity is a mere drop in the bucket, as far as consumption and demand goes. Seventy-eight cars of cherries hardly means one carload during the entire season in all of the big Ing the entire season in all of the big Eastern cities, which goes to show the immense opportunity for the cherry in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The cherry industry is even yet in its infancy, so to speak, in the Northwest, for the reason that carloads are only shipped from two or three points. The number of carloads grown in the Northwest will probably not exceed fifteen or twenty or carloads grown in the Northwest will probably not exceed fifteen or twenty at the most that are shipped from these states. There is no doubt that there is an Eastern market for carloads of cher-ries by the hundreds. When districts get to growing sufficient quantities of cherries to move in carloads regularly under refrigeration, the amount of money that will be realized out of cherries will that will be realized out of cherries will be something wonderful. Even at can-nery prices, growers have made as high as \$500 per acre net profit and this profit was made at four cents a pound. Cherries have been shipped out of some of our districts by local express, which, of course, is much higher than in carloads, and more or less loss from not being under ice, and netted from five to seven cents a pound. Cherries were shipped by the association in Hood River in open express and netted the grower twelve and one-half cents per pound in 1907. This shows the price that can be real-ized out of Eastern markets on fresh cherries. This price would be from fifty to one hundred per cent greater than cannery prices, which means that cherry orchards, in our opinion, would net the grower \$1,000 per acre or more, when they are grown in sufficient quantity to be shipped in carloads and handled prop-

erly. Cherries can be grown in almost every locality of the Northwest. Few localities, however, have grown cherries to any extent. Among the districts that are producing in a commercial way, where cherries do particularly well, may be mentioned the territory surrounding the following cities: Eugene, Salem, Ashland, Portland, Springbrook, Milwaukie, Cove, The Dalles and Hood River in Oregon. In Washington, the Yakima Valley, Wenatchee Valley and Clarkston, Spokane and several other localities where they are not grown so extensively. In Idaho, Lewiston and the Boise Valley.

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We believe there is no fruit grown that has a brighter future, commercially speaking, than the cherry in the North-west. And, moreover, we believe there is a better opportunity for the man of moderate means to engage in the production of this delicious and profitable duction of this delicious and profitable fruit than there is in the apple, peach, pear, or in any other fruit grown, for the reason at the present time people owning cherry lands in the district referred to in this article do not realize their value, and any quantity of the best cherry land can be secured for from \$30 to \$100 per acre in any of the districts referred to.

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THE Northwest stands out prominently as the cherry producing country of the world, on account of excellency of the cherries grown in the

Northwest and on account of their splen-Northwest and on account of their spiendid shipping qualities. The trees bear prolifically. The care and culture of the cherry is the simplest of all varieties of fruits, as the cherry is practically free from all the diseases that cause so much trouble in other varieties of fruit. Spraying, so far, has been unnecessary. tree requires little pruning and in many districts does exceedingly well without any cultivation, consequently growing cherries for market is the simplest kind of fruit business.

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PERHAPS no one in the Willamette Valley has made a greater success in fruit raising than S. P. Kimball of Polk County. Mr. Kimball was an Ohio farmer and came out to Salem in the fall of 1891 in search of a more healthful climate. That fall he bought 420 acres climate. That west of Salem.

Eight acres of this was set out in two-year-old Italian prune trees. This was in very poor condition, having been cul-tivated in cowboy fashion with four horses and disk, the trimming having

horses and disk, the trimming having been done by goats.

At that time every one in that section had the prune fever, and becoming imbued with the spirit of the time, he set out thirty acres of Italian prunes. These were set fifteen by twenty feet apart. He had very little to contend with in the shape of insects, but was troubled slightly by borers. Later he grubbed out twelve acres, and believing grubbed out twelve acres, and believing that he understood the fruit business, he set out a well-mixed orchard, which, although it bore well, was later not considered a success on account of being

He has always dried his own prunes, besides buying outside fruit, until he now has the largest individual dryer in the state, having a capacity of 1,500 bushels and drying 750 bushels per day, the amount of dried fruit running from

the amount of dried fruit running from 165,000 to 222,000 pounds yearly.

Although having great faith in the prune business, Mr. Kimball's cherries now net him far more per acre. His first cherries were two and one-half acres set out in March, 1892, one mile west of Salem, in Polk County. This is also red hill land. These trees were set one rod apart but experience has shown also red hill land. These trees were set one rod apart, but experience has shown that they should be set not less than twenty-five feet. This was considered an absurd venture, because it was a new line of fruit. Through the advice of a friend, he set out about two-thirds Royal Anns and one-third Black Republicans, because the two varieties together made the boxes very attractive for market; but this was misleading, the Black Republican not being in demand.

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These trees, besides robbing each other of nourishment, are very inconvenient for picking, having run together. He does not believe in crops of any kind between the trees, because one does not cultivate the tree, but the crop, so that consequently the trees suffer. He does not think it possible to cultivate a does not think it possible to cultivate a young orchard too much, especially the first few years. It does not do any good to cultivate within a foot or two of a

young tree, but get as close as possible without injuring it, for a small wound is less hurtful than a foot of hard earth.

He prefers the seedling tree "top-worked," thus making a hardier body

and less liable to gum.

He has not been able to detect any great benefit in mixing the varieties, but would not say that there is none. He has recently set out a large orchard of four rows of Royal Anns to two of Lamberts, they being the standard varieties. If there is anything in the combination he wants the benefit of it.

He has used different styles of ladders for picking, but finds that a pole ladder is the stiffest and easiest to handle. He makes these of small fir poles, cut any desired length and peeled. These are cut with a rip saw about three or four feet at the bottom, then fastened and sprung to give a firm base so that they will not tip. Holes are bored at regular distances and rounds made from old buggy spokes are set in. This make a stiff, lightweight ladder, easily handled and less liable to break the small branches and forks of the trees.

He now has 8,200 cherry trees set out and 18,000 prune trees, and does not think there is any danger of the industry being overdone in the Willamette Valley.

Walnuts

He has a few acres of walnuts, part of which have been in bearing about ten years. He has a good deal of faith in walnuts and is making preparations to plant more in the future.

The fern in Mr. Kimball's first prune orchard was very thick and about two and one-half feet tall, throwing a disk out of the ground easily, as if running over an old straw pile. He was told that it was impossible to kill out this fern, and that the disk would not do the work, so he found it necessary to make something that would destroy the fern and loosen the ground at the same time. After two years of experimenting he made a cultivator, which is now known as the "Kimball cultivator" and very extensively used for orchard work in the Western states and in Canada.

LETTER TO WILLAMETTE PRUNE ASSOCIATION

Mr. C. H. Post, New York, N. Y.
Dear Sir: Your letter of March 7,
addressed to the secretary of the Board of Trade, has been referred to this office

In reference to the quality of the Oregon prune, we would suggest that you secure a box of the "Pheasant brand" on your own market, sold and distributed by U. H. Dudley & Co., corner Duane and Hudson streets, and test them for yourself as compared with the California and the French prune, and satisfy yourself thus as to wherein they excel. Physicians who have analyzed the product claim that they are stronger in product claim that they are stronger in every medicinal and nutritious value than the sweet or French prune. Oregon

grows both varieties, however.
Prune growing in Oregon is profitable to the grower under certain conditions. He should make it a reasonably large part of his business; he should have at least thirty to forty acres in prunes, a sufficient acreage to keep one man and one team busy throughout the year in cultivation and care, together with such additional help at harvest time as might be necessary. This would enable him to own his own evaporator, and if he lived on the place himself he could count on a reasonably good return for his investment; about as good as could be secured in any sort of fruit business. We should say that about the average price paid to

the grower for the bulk of his crop would be from four to five cents per pound, according to the season. Prices fluctuate from year to year, according to the supply and demand and the price and quantity of other fruits grown. The crop is as sure in this valley as any crop that is grown, provided you locate your orchard properly. Enough is known now about the business so that no mistake need be made in locating an orchard where it will bear regularly and prove a profitable investment. The entire product of this Northwestern part of the country last year was about thirty to thirty-five million pounds, covering the northern part of Oregon and all of Washington in which prizes are grown. northern part of Oregon and all of Washington in which prunes are grown.

Any other information we can give you will be cheerfully furnished, and we enclose herewith our little book of recipes. Yours truly,
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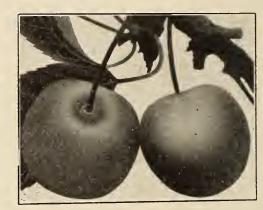
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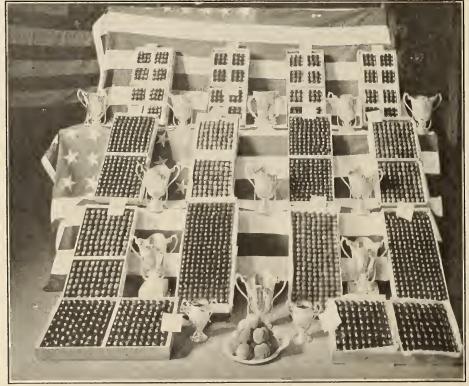
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Mr. Selleck goes on to sav that he himself when in New York buys them every day at the fruit stands and pays fifteen to twenty cents apiece for them, and does not consider it money ill spent. Certain kinds of apples are sold there under the general name of Oregon apples, and this is advertisement enough. They are Spitzenberg, Newtown Pippins and the Banana apple. The Banana apple, which has never been grown elsewhere, Mr. Selleck pays thirty cents for at the fruit stands. Mr. Selleck is eager that the commercial bodies here take up the matter of systematically advertising Oregon apples, so as to give them the prestige that the California orange er oys, and he says it will be an easy matter and a remunerative one, for the commercial value of the apple is greater than that of the orange.

ANOTHER OPINION

Mr. Sylvester Johnson, for eleven years president of the Indiana State Horticultural Society, at a meeting of that society at Indianapolis, declared that he considered Oregon pre-eminently the fruit state of the Union.

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Oregon's fame as a fruit-producing state has already spread over much of the entire world, the carrying and keeping qualities of the apples, together with their beauty, fragrance and flavor, not being surpassed. It is no uncommon thing to see dealers from the Atlantic states, England and France in Oregon markets, and the cream of the state's fruit crop is bought for these sections, for Oregon apples, once introduced, are always in demand and command the highest price in every market.

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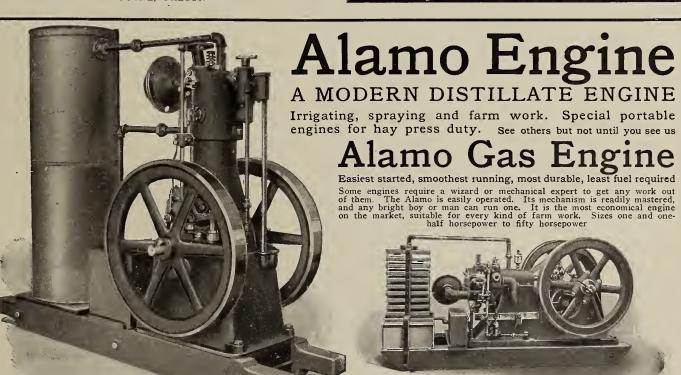
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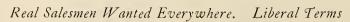
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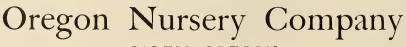


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